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# Genealogical Sketch

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# Certain of the American Descendants

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# MATHEW TALBOT,

*Gentleman*

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TO

SOPHIA GWYNNE COLEMAN McPHERSON

THE REAL GENEALOGIST OF THE FAMILY

WHO CONTRIBUTED

MANY OF THE DATA HERE

PRESENTED

# PREFACE

It has not been too difficult, with the help of many of the family, to trace the ten generations shown in the accompanying genealogical charts (Exhibit A)[1] descended from our common ancestor, MATHEW. Determination of his forebears however, your compiler has thus far found impossible.

This may surprise those who have read and believed the definite but unsupported statements made in several printed books and in many other writings that MATHEW TALBOT, Gentleman, was closely related to the Earl of Shrewsbury of his time. Indeed, one author has stated as a fact that he was even eligible to have succeeded to the title as 14th Earl but declined as he preferred to live his life in His Majesty's Provinces in America. Perhaps he may truly have been born in that distinguished branch of the glorious family of Talbot; however, diligent search in available records of England and Ireland (or Eire as it is now called) as well as of the United States of America, has failed to establish that theory. The story that he could have succeeded to the title can at once be disproved for on the death of the 13th Earl "there was still surviving male issue among the descendants of the 10th Earl by his first marriage, which would bar the descendants of the second marriage or earlier co-laterals in Ireland or elsewhere." (Ref. No. 1)[2]

Thus our ancestor MATHEW could not have qualified in any case. Indeed, that pedigree does not show any Mathew at all at the beginning of the 18th Century.

However, the "Shrewsbury Legend," that is the story that he belonged to the branch of the Talbots in England, not only persists in cropping up but is accompanied by intriguing bits of circumstantial evidence. There is for instance the claim that MATHEW was brother to Anne Talbot who, in 1725, married the Henry Darnall who later became Attorney General of the Province of Maryland (known to have been in office in 1754) and who was master of "My Lord's Kindness," a handsome property in Maryland subsequently renamed "Poplar Hill."

1. See page 61.
2. A list of "References" citing sources may be found following page 57.

(Pg. 166, Series 11, Ref. No. 2) In this connection, a deed recorded in Prince George's County, Maryland shows that Henry Darnall conveyed to the Earl of Shrewsbury "as trustee to secure the dower rights of said Anne, certain real estate in view of the approaching marriage." Then again, Anne Talbot, the bride, is stated to have been "niece and ward to George[3] 14th Earl of Shrewsbury" who sent her something (alledgedly silverware and jewelry) "in consideration of a marriage sometime since had and solemnized between Henry Darnall and Anne Talbot." (Ref. No. 3) (Folio 305, Liber L, Ref. No. 4) (Pg. 447, Volume 11, Ref. No. 5) Besides being "niece and ward" to George, 14th Earl of Shrewsbury, Anne was the daughter of John Talbot and his wife, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Lockyer, whom he married in 1696. John, in turn, was a son of Paul Talbot of Pocklinton, Yorkshire, England. (Pg. 166, Series 11, Ref. No. 2) Naturally, one would assume then that either Paul or his son, John Talbot, was a close relative of the 14th Earl. The Shrewsbury pedigree however, shows that the 14th Earl had no brother, uncle or nephew named Paul; and that while he did have a brother, John Talbot, the latter died unmarried in 1751, being buried in Clifton, England. (Ref. No. 6)

Despite these discouragements, one might claim that MATHEW still could have been the brother of Anne. However, the last will and testament of John, her father, lists Anne and his other eleven children—and none was named Mathew. (Ref. No. 7)

This seems to disprove with finality the claim that MATHEW was brother to Anne Talbot who married Henry Darnell: and yet, there is another and further story that as late as 1900 or thereabouts, one branch of MATHEW'S descendants owned by inheritance certain old silver and jewelry which according to family legend, was part of the marriage settlement made by the 14th Earl on Anne Talbot, his niece and ward! (Ref. No. 8)

Another and final bit is that today (1955), two silver salt cellars of quite unusual pattern are in possession of SOPHIA GWYNNE McPHERSON of the seventh generation in America, which used to belong to her great great grandfather, CLAYTON MERRIWETHER TALBOT, grandson of the original MATHEW;[4] and that a similar

3. 1719-1787—RHF.

4. These Mrs. McPHERSON inherited through her great Aunt SOPHIA (4) WESTERN TALBOT.—RHF

pair were on display recently among a "Loan Collection of Antiques" being shown for charity at Whitechurch, England, with a card showing that that pair was from the Shrewsbury Talbots. This comes direct from Mrs. McPHERSON herself.

Then quite unconnected with the Shrewsbury legends there is the written statement dated April, 1815 (or April 10, 1862) which a Mrs. Sallie Talbot Mass (or Mrs. Sallie D. Maupin) of Paris, Monroe County, Missouri, addressed to her children in which she said, in part: "I will write a short biography of my family beginning with the Talbot family . . . My great great grandfather (she refers to Lord Charles Talbot—SCMcP) was an Englishman of much distinction. He was one of the Lords of England and filled many high stations in life. He was engaged in war and was a General when he was killed in the Battle of Salisbury Plains.[5] His name was Charles Talbot. He had three children, a son and two daughters; one daughter married a Colonel Moyle (or Moile), of England. The son was Mathew my great grandfather." (Pg. 25, Ref. No. 9).

Lord Charles Talbot, Duke of Shrewsbury, son of the 11th Earl of Shrewsbury, godson of His Majesty Charles II, was born July 24, 1660, and died February 1, 1718 after an eventful career and covered with honors. Dying in 1718 he could of course have been the father of MATHEW who, it will be recalled, was born in 1699. However, this interesting possibility must be ruled out too as this Charles Talbot died childless, the Dukedom of Shrewsbury becoming extinct on his death. (Pgs. 584d-585a, Vol. 20, Ref. No. 10). (Pr. 259, Vol. 1, Ref. 11).

This legend does not end here though for there is more, albeit circumstantial, evidence which is pertinent. It revolves around the names "Charles" and "Moile" for MATHEW named his first-born, "Charles"; and the latter in his turn not only called one of his children "Charles" but "Charles Moile Talbot"; and he christened another "Lucy Moile Talbot," as will be seen later on in this account.

As for other possible Talbots named Charles, let us examine here an unsupported, unsigned typewritten sheet in the possession of your compiler the origin of which is unknown. It reads:

A manuscript record of the Talbot Family made by Col Mathew Talbot of Bedford Co. Va. and given to his grandson Re Edmund Talbot of Alabama was

5. I am unable to identify this battle.—RHF

loaned to Jane Ellison Martin of Columbus, Georgia in June 23rd 1916 and copied by a notary public as follows.

3. WALTER TALBOT OF CASTLE TALBOT. Ireland, a grandson of Walter and Jane Rolane (1) had
4. SIR ROBERT TALBOT OF TYROM who married Grace, sister of Cecil Calvert and
4. William Talbot, secretary of Maryland who married Mary Wallis and had
5. William and
5. CHARLES. He had three children,
   John
   Mrs. Moil
   and
6. Col. Mathew, born 1699 married
   1. Mary Williston
   2. Jane Clayton

This theory is expounded also in the letter on the Talbots written by a member of the Georgia branch, ELIZABETH TALBOT BELT—who may quite possibly have based her statement on this same document alledgedly written by MATHEW himself. Research in England however shows that Sir William Talbot, the Principal Secretary, died without issue and to go further back, that Sir Robert and Sir William were not sons of Walter of Castle Talbot but of Sir William Talbot, Baronet, Recorder of Dublin. (Ref. No. 11). Furthermore, the last will and testament of Charles Talbot of County Wexford, Ireland (who *was* a son of Walter Talbot of Castle Talbot (Ballynamony) and the one who married Mary Wallis) which was dated April 28, 1739, and registered May 14, 1739, lists his seven children—and there was no Mathew among them. (Ref. No. 12). Before leaving this legend, it should be said that effort to get in touch with Jane Ellison Martin in Columbus, Georgia, developed the facts that she had died; and that her granddaughter knew nothing of this manuscript nor had ever heard of it.

Many accounts say MATHEW TALBOT was born in 1699. Some give his birthplace as "Castle Talbot" near Dublin, Ireland, a land which in the 17th and 18th Centuries, held many Talbots. Three known possibilities present themselves here. The first is Dublin Castle of today, which is right in the city itself. It is now and long has been a government administrative center whose offices are built around a large courtyard and whose only claim to being called "Castle" rests on the fact

that at one corner there still stands and is in use, the church of the ancient castle; and that adjoining the church is an area which once housed the royal deputies of Ireland. Among these high dignitaries were several Talbots, the incumbent around MATHEW'S birth being Richard Talbot, Earl of Tyrconnel, in whose time as Lord Deputy (beginning in February of 1687) (Pg. 389, Vol. xx, Ref. No. 13) the Dublin Castle of today could easily have been called "Castle Talbot." The records of the castle however, do not show a Mathew Talbot having been born there during Tyrconnel's term (Statement by Mr. K. W. Heaslip for the Chief Herald, Genealogical Office (Office of Arms), Dublin, Castle): moreover, there is the fact that Richard, Earl of Tyrconnel, died August 14, 1691. (Pr. 562d, Vol. 22, Ref. No. 10) and so could not have been the father of MATHEW, born 1699. Thus Dublin Castle was probably not the place meant.

The second of the three known possibilities is a proud towering pile lying at the edge of the town of Malahide about nine miles northeast of Dublin. Now called "Malahide Castle,"[6] this is more truly a "Castle Talbot" than any other existing edifice in Ireland for it is lived in to this day (1954) by the family. But here too, the records fail to mention a Mathew Talbot as having been born there around the end of the 17th Century. (Ref. No. 14).

The third possibility is "Ballynamony," also commonly called "Castle Talbot," located about forty-five miles south of Dublin in County Wexford, Ireland. Extended research of recorded pedigrees, archives of religious institutions in County Wexford, deeds and wills of the Ballynamony Talbots themselves, produced nothing concerning anyone who might be identified as the Mathew Talbot whose ancestors we seek. The only Mathew "of Castle Talbot als Ballynamony" about whom something was found was referred to in deeds dated between 1757 and 1766; but as the Mathew with whom we are concerned died in the Province of Virginia in 1758, clearly it was another man. (Ref. No. 15) (Ref. No. 16).

Other possible solutions of the problem of MATHEW'S parentage are that he might have been born in America of one of the several Talbots who came here prior to 1699: or that he may have come to

6. This is the castle where very recently a great number of the James Boswell papers were discovered, and sold by the then Lord Talbot of Malahide. (Pg. 942a, Vol. 3, Ref. No. 10)—RHF

America with his parents as a child,[7] to grow up perhaps in the Province of Maryland and not have done anything worthy of record until he married and thus founded the family some of whose descendants are enumerated in this brochure.

For example, there was a George Talbot, an Irishman and a person of some substance: a landowner in Maryland, sometimes spoken of as "Colonel" and again as "Sir" George Talbot. This gentleman, said to be a kinsman of Lord Baltimore and to have accompanied him from abroad, achieved some prominence politically and, later in his career, got in bad odor and attained considerable notoriety through his having killed a man named Christopher Rousby, a collector of His Majesty's Customs in Maryland, on October 31, 1684. (Pgs. 427/9, Vol. 5, Ref. No. 18) (Ref. No. 19) (Pg. 21, Vol. III, Ref. No. 20). Though he lived in the Province of Maryland some years, nothing has been found concerning his family other than that he was a kinsman of Lord Baltimore and of Sir William Talbot, Lord Baltimore's nephew, and a member of the family for which Talbot County, Maryland is named. But no mention of a wife or children. Nevertheless, another rumor had him as a grandfather of our MATHEW. (Pg. 31, Ref. No. 9).

Another possibility of an earlier American ancestry consists in the fact that archives of the Land Office, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, show an Edward (Edmund?) and a William Talbot receiving 996 acres of land in 1686 (13 years before Mathew was born): then an original pen-and-ink entry on page 167 Liber P.L. No. 2 under Patent 400 as recorded October 10, 1707 by Colonel Henry Darnell (he who married Anne) "Keeper of our Greater Seale in our said province of Maryland," shows 600 acres[8] of land granted May 28, 1706, to William Talbot, perhaps the same William; and finally there is the last will and testament of William Talbot (who may or may not have been identical with either or both the others) which was probated April 24, 1752, and may be seen at the Hall of Records and which mentions sons James, William, Edmond, Mathew, and some daughters (Folio 348, Liber 7 DD, Ref. No. 4). There that trail stops, leaving one to speculate on endlessly.

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7. This may be the place to record that neither MATHEW nor Sir George Talbot was among those mentioned as being on either of the two ships *The Ark* or the *Dove,* sent to America by Lord Baltimore. (Pgs. 593-606, Ref. No. 17)

8. This tract, called "Melinda," was in Baltimore County and was located on the north side of the Patapscoe River at a place known as "Newfoundland," according to the pen-and-ink entry to which reference has already been made.—RHF

It is worth noting however, that in all the known records left by "our" MATHEW and his many descendants, there is nothing to encourage one to believe in the dim possibility presented here.

That the ties were close between the Irish Talbots and the first and second Lords Baltimore, there appears to be no question. George Talbot, were he colonel or baronet, or both, served his kinsman well in Maryland, indeed so well that William Penn at New Castle in 1684 took George Talbot to task for such assiduousness in furthering Lord Baltimore's interests as to interfere in Pennsylvania's business. (Pgs. 21/2, Vol. III, Ref. 20).[9] Further evidence of these ties between the Talbot and Calvert families are furnished by two at least of the eight sons of Sir William Talbot (died 1633), Recorder of Dublin, and his wife Alison, daughter of John Netterville (Nettleton?) of County Meath, Ireland. The first was that their son, Sir Robert, married Grace Calvert, daughter of Lord Baltimore. This couple had no male issue although their daughter Frances married her cousin Richard Talbot of Malahide Castle—and from that marriage are descended the Barons Talbot of Malahide. The second evidence of the tie is that Sir William (Sir Robert's brother who was nephew or nephew by marriage to Lord Baltimore) was the same Sir William who served as the first Principal Secretary of the Province of Maryland, a post to which he was commissioned by Lord Baltimore, August 6, 1670. He did not long perform these duties however, since in June, 1671, he went back to England and to Ireland on urgent personal business, never to return to Maryland as far as known.[10] (Pg. 339, Vol. XIX, Ref. No. 21) (Folio 79, Liber 16, Ref. No. 4) (Ref. No. 22) (Pgs. 70/2, Vol. V, Ref. No. 18). Indeed, he may have been the William Talbot who once was member of Parliament for County Wexford and was killed at the Siege of Derry in 1690 (Ref. No. 23), a possibility raised by your compiler and not by the reference cited.

Another early American from whom MATHEW might have descended is John Talbot who the Baltimore *Sun* says came to Virginia in May 28, 1635. That same newspaper in its issue of January 6, 1907, states that

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9. In this conference, Penn reproved Talbot for his actions while speaking well of his family—"thy family, for I know some of thy relations and found them to be persons of much integrity and worth."

10. One often finds in writings dealing with our branch of the Talbots, that MATHEW sailed to America with Edmund (Edward?) Talbot, perhaps his cousin, "to visit his relative Sir William Talbot, Baronet, first Principal Secretary of the Province of Maryland." This could not be however, since as we have just seen, Sir William left Maryland for good before MATHEW was born.—RHF

during the time of Cromwell (1649-1660), John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, an intense royalist, came to Virginia with his wife Mary, who died there. The article further says that her husband later returned to England where he married a second wife.

Still another tale is that MATHEW was a son of the Reverend (later a non-juror bishop) John Talbot, born in Gonville Hall, Waymondham, Norfolk, England, November 6, 1645, and a graduate of Cambridge in 1663. This Talbot came to America in the capacity of chaplain on H.M.S. *Centurian* which reached Boston sometime in the year 1702, bringing George Keith, the first missionary of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. (Pg. 197, Vol. IV of Part 1, Ref. No. 24). One finds in books dealing with his time, occasional mention of Bishop Talbot (whose field centered about the Burlington, New Jersey, of today) but, after considerable research in Waymondham, Burlington, Boston and Philadelphia, nothing has been discovered to substantiate the assertion that he had a son named Mathew or any children at all for that matter. (Ref. No. 52—RHF).

And that completes the legends and possibilities as known to your compiler. The reverse, as it were, of each of the legends concerning the origin of our common ancestor is placed before the reader to inform possible researchers as to what is known as of now, rather than to discourage further delving into the past. Indeed, because records consulted do not show affirmatively that MATHEW (1) was born to this or to that Talbot, does not necessarily prove that he was not. Many a younger son has left home seeking his fortune only to have his existence unrecorded and forgotten with the passing of those who knew him in boyhood. Nor does it matter too much just who MATHEW'S father and grandsires were for he himself was quite a man in his own right and one who would be a credit to any of the Talbots in the old countries. His descendants too, here in America, may hold up their heads feeling that the lives of the various generations have averaged to the standards, high though they be, of the Talbots before them in centuries past. So, if in the future MATHEW'S progenitors be determined, as they probably will in time, his American descendants will be interested and doubtless gratified: but if these ancestors in England and Ireland remain forever unknown, then may we of today be well content with the records made by our ancestors born in America who shared the dangers and the labors of the earlier days of this virile young country and had a hand in shaping her destinies.

# GENEALOGICAL SKETCH OF CERTAIN OF THE AMERICAN DESCENDANTS OF MATHEW TALBOT, *Gentleman*

MATHEW (1) TALBOT, Gentleman, as he was known in his time, was doubtless born in 1699 as that is the year given without exception in all written matter concerning him which is known to your compiler. Several references[1] go further and give September as the month. It is considered that the preponderance of evidence warrants conclusion that 1699 is the correct year and that September is probably the month of his birth.

It is known, however, that on May 5th or 6th, 1720, 1721, or 1722, MATHEW (1) TALBOT, Gent. married MARY WILLISTON who was born 1697. (Pg. 23, Ref. No. 9) (Pg. 61/2, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 25) (Pg. 108, Vol. 11, Ref. No. 26). His bride was the daughter of James Williston, Esquire, of the Province of Maryland, described as being "a large land owner." (Pg. 23, Ref. No. 9). (Pg. 108, Vol. 11, Ref. No. 26) (Pgs. 83 and 341, Vol. 3, Ref. 27) One infers that the wedding took place in Maryland although nothing proving this to be so has been found in any of the State or local records studied in Maryland nor in any of the few existing church records of the period. This theory is strengthened by the fact that James Williston's last will and testament was probated in Queen Anne's County on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His will was dated January 9, 1708, and it shows him to have been of Kent Island, Queen Anne's County. By this instrument, James Williston bequeathed to his son George, 119 acres of land "called Lancaster lying on ye S side of Chester R" in Queen Anne's County. In this same document, he left his daughter MARY (then about eleven years old and who later became the wife of MATHEW (1) TALBOT), to the care of his wife. (Kent County Wills No. 1363, Folio 353, Liber 12C and W.B., Ref. No. 4). Moreover, one finds subsequently that MARY TALBOT as administratrix for George Williston, "late of Queens County" swore on "July ye 28th 1726" to the

1. For example, on Page 108, Volume 10 of the *Virginia Historical Magazine*.—RHF

correctness of the Inventory she submitted of her brother's estate. (Administrative Papers No. 596, Folio 471, Liber 11; and Folio 6, Liber 8, both of Ref. No. 4). Finally, we have the words of his grandson, EDMUND (3) TALBOT, who states that MATHEW (1) TALBOT settled in Maryland and married MARY WILLISTON, the young couple later moving on into Virginia. (Ref. No. 28). Thus it may be accepted that MATHEW (1) TALBOT and MARY WILLISTON were married in the Province of Maryland, despite lack of official record: that theory is further substantiated by the facts that the first child, CHARLES (2) TALBOT was born in 1723 (Ref. No. 29) in Maryland (Ref. No. 30).

It is clear that MATHEW (1) TALBOT and his wife did not remain long in Maryland however, as the next two children, MATHEW (2) born November 27, 1729) and JAMES (2) (born November 7, 1733) first saw the light in Bristol Parish, Prince George's County, Virginia (Pgs. 374 and 376, Ref. No. 31).

While in Maryland, MATHEW (1) is believed to have been interested in shipping along with his partner, Nicholas Hale (Haile?), Esquire who is said to have come from Buck's County, Pennsylvania and was probably of the distinguished colonial family of that name. This same Mr. Hale presumably went to Virginia with the MATHEW (1) TALBOTS for later on his daughter married MATHEW (2) TALBOT, the second boy. The best authority yet found by this compiler dealing with this part of the life of MATHEW (1), is his grandson EDMUND (3) TALBOT whose statement was put in writing by the latter's son, MATHEW (4). It is from this document that we learn that MATHEW (1) was involved in shipping and that it was losses at sea which caused him to turn his back on Maryland and strike out for what is now Virginia with his young family. (Ref. No. 28.)

In Virginia, MATHEW (1) first made his home in Amelia County (Pg. 28, Ref. No. 9) (Ref. No. 28), later settling not far from the present-day city of Lynchburg where at least two of the direct descendants of MATHEW (1) and of his son, CHARLES (2) TALBOT were still living in October, 1949. They were Miss TALBOT and her sister Miss ELSIE V. TALBOT; their home then was at 522 Euclid Avenue, at the corner of Talbot Street. It was there that the "great Bible" (Ref. No. 29) which MATHEW (1) left by his will to his son CHARLES (2), was seen and examined.

It will be recalled that at the time that MATHEW (1) TALBOT went to the Province of Virginia, it extended northward to the shores of the Great Lakes and westward to the Mississippi. It was not until 1784, after the Revolution, that Virginia ceded the Northwest Territory to the Federal Government of our new-born nation, while Virginia did not give up the region we know as Kentucky until 1792 (Pr. 188d, Vol. 23 and Pg. 542Bb, Vol. 16, Ref. No. 10). Even before the arrival of MATHEW (1) in Virginia, however, the gradual movement of other pioneers westward away from the shores of the Atlantic, brought about subdivision of great tracts of land. For convenience of control and to obtain proportionate representation in the Virginia House of Burgesses (the first representative assembly in North America and established in 1619), newcomers of the early 18th century demanded and eventually succeeded in having several counties carved out from the older and larger ones. (Pg. 187d, Vol. 23, Ref. No. 10) Thus it was that in 1732 Brunswick County was created from Prince George, Surrey, and Isle of Wight. Then, in 1746, Brunswick, in its turn, became the parent county for Lunenburg. In November 1753 by act of the House of Burgesses effective May 10, 1753, a new county called Bedford, named in honor of John Russell, Duke of Bedford, was established on land originally a part of Lunenburg plus a small section of Albemarle County. (Pg. 9, Ref. No. 30) These facts tend to create confusion in attempting to follow the movements of MATHEW (1) TALBOT, for we find records pertaining to him in various counties in different periods of his life in which the locations were probably the same, only the name of the county that embraced them having been changed. After study, however, one concludes that between 1723 and 1729 both inclusive, he moved with his family from Maryland to southern Virginia in the region just south of the present day Richmond (laid out in 1737): and that about 1737 he went to an area south and southwest of Lynchburg (established in 1786) settling near the modern town of Bedford (established 1782) in the county of Bedford where he died (1758) on his plantation.

That the land on which MATHEW (1) TALBOT settled permanently was eventually encompassed by Bedford County, is evidenced by several deeds recording purchase and sale of lands by him, now (1949) on file in the Bedford County Court House. The original of his last will and testament may also be seen and examined there. Unfortunately, the age of the paper on which it was written and the fading of

the ink made it impossible to have it satisfactorily photostated and published as a part of this brochure.

It is obvious from the numerous existing records pertaining to his activities that MATHEW (1) TALBOT became a respected leader in the civic, religious, and military affairs of his world. We read that "Mathew Talbot, Gent." was one of the justices of the County Court which, incidentally, held its first meeting (May 5, 1746) at his house. (Pg. 61, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 25) (Pg. 321, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 32) (Pg. 333, Ref. No. 33) (Pg. 48, Ref. No. 34) Even before that by three years, MATHEW (1) TALBOT was concerned in administration of the law as is shown (Pg. 321, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 32) by the minutes of a Council held at the Capitol, May 6th, 1743:

Present: The Governor, Wm. Byrd, Cole Diggs, John Robenson, John Grymes, Jo'n Custis, Jo'n Tayloe, Philip Lightfoot.

"Ordered. That a New Commission Issue for Brunswick County And That Mathew Talbot be added."

NOTE: Study of the context anterior shows that this meant a new "Commission of the Peace." —RHF

One infers that the County Court continued to be held at the Talbot homestead in Bedford County until November 1754 when a "rude structure" was erected for county purposes. (Pg. 10, Ref. No. 30)

Another activity of MATHEW (1) was participation in defining the boundary line between Lunenburg County and its offshoot, Bedford County (Pg. 339, Vol. 5, Ref. No. 27). That he took the oath of allegiance to the person and government of His Majesty King George II whose loyal subject he was throughout his adult life, is well attested. (Pg. 61, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 25) (Pgs. 108/9, Ref. No. 31). Another civic service he rendered was to make up the list of tithables from the mouth of Falling River to the mouth of the Otter River. (Pg. 110, Ref. No. 31) (Ref. No. 32). Later on, he was again appointed to "list the tithables," this time from Tall River to Goose Creek. (Pgs. 54 and 86, Ref. No. 33). Furthermore, "Mathew Talbot, Gent., the elder" was named to collect monies due Lunenburg County (Pgs. 142 and 365, Ref. No. 31) as set forth in Section VI of "An Act for Dividing the county of Lunenburg, and parish of Cumberland, and for altering the court day in the County of Halifax (November 1753 and 27th of Geo. II)":

And whereas the said county of Lunenburg, as it now stands entire and individual, is endebted to sundry persons in divers sums of money: and also there are due and owing to the said county divers sums of money, and quantities of tobacco which have been heretofore, and will be this year levied upon the tithable persons of the said county for paying the debts and defraying the contingent charges thereof; *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that John Payne, Mathew Talbot, the elder, gentlemen, of the County of Bedford, and Peter Fontaine, the younger, and Lyddal Bacon, gentlemen, of the County of Lunenburg, be hereby authorized and empowered to demand and receive of all and every person and persons indebted to the said county of Lunenburg as it now stands entire and individual, all debts and dues owing to them, and the same when by them received to apply in discharge of the several debts and owing therefrom: and the overplus, if any, shall pay and satisfy to the justices of the said county of Lunenburg and Bedford, in proportion to the tithables in each of the said counties, to be by them applied toward lessening the levies of the said counties, respectively. (Pg. 382, Vol. 6, Ref. No. 34)

MATHEW (1) TALBOT was a professed Church of England man. (Ref. No. 35) Moreover, he was a leader among churchmen for he was a vestryman for Cumberland Parish. As is well known, vestries in those days played a more important part in their communities than they do today for, in addition to applying themselves to church business and to the religious life of the parish, vestries were active in building and maintaining bridges and ferries, inspecting crops and, in general, concerned themselves with many aspects of public life. This vestry to which MATHEW (1) belonged, early took steps to select sites for a chapel and a "reading house" near the Otter River and fork of the Roanoke. (Pgs. 357/8, Ref. No. 31) (Pgs. 482/3 and 486, Vol. 1, Ref. No. 35). The church MATHEW (1) served was Ferry Chapel. His name often appears as vestryman, the first time being in the minutes of October 15, 1730, "for laying the Parish Leavey," an account in which the value of payments was expressed not in pounds sterling but in pounds of tobacco. The minutes of one year later (October 12, 1731) ordered that "Mathew Talbot be Clerk of the Chapel" that was to be built at or near Flatt Creek. The last entry in the Vestry Book which mentions the name of MATHEW (1) TALBOT was dated October 10, 1735. (Ref. No. 37). He served on the vestry much later than that however as his signature along with those of other vestrymen and of the Governor, Sir

William Gooch, appears in 1748 on a contract for a new minister. (Ref. No. 31) (Ref. No. 37)

Aside from his activities in government and in the church, MATHEW (1) TALBOT was bread-winner, home builder, husband, and a father to a fair-sized family. In these most important roles, the shadow of failure in business affairs which may have darkened his stay in Maryland, does not seem to have attended his life in Virginia. There he was a planter providing not only food and other necessities for his family and his slaves, but cattle and fodder for use when pastures failed in winter months. His principal crop however was doubtless tobacco for that was the commodity on which the Virginia of provincial days depended heavily and which was used as currency in business affairs. The records show too that MATHEW (1) "the elder" from time to time bought and sold land. For example, under the heading "Natural Conditions in Pittsylvania County as shown by Early Land Grants from an Old Surveyors Book" one finds the entry: "1745 Mathew Talbot 400 acres on South Side Staunton River beginning at the Cattamount Shoals" (P. 298, Vol. 25, Ref. No. 36). And well before that his name appeared in connection with a grant of 1,037 acres in Raleigh Parish, Amelia County: June 10, 1737 was the date. (Pg. 67, Vol. 3, Ref. No. 38). One tract owned by MATHEW (1) TALBOT by its nature remains intact today and, except for timber perhaps, must be pretty much as it was on January 12, 1746, when it was granted to MATHEW (1). This was and is an island, 600 acres in extent, in the Staunton River below the mouth of Seneca Creek (Pg. 149 Map, Vol. 1, Ref. No. 31) (Pgs. 287/9, Ref. Nos. 39 and 40)[2]

The name of MATHEW (1) may also be found in the list of early land grants and patents under date of May 4, 1752: "To Mathew Talbot and others" 20,000 acres in Augusta on New River beginning at the mouth of Meadow Creek and running up and down the said New River, the Meadow Creek and the adjacent creek for complement" (Vol. 5, Ref. No. 36).

Nearer his home in the original Lunenburg County, five deeds of farm properties bought or sold by MATHEW (1) TALBOT are recorded. All are fairly large tracts touching on a stream sometimes called "Wards Creek" and sometimes "Wards Fork." These are (Ref. No. 41):

2. Today this island, flat and largely covered with brush but nearly treeless, is entered from the north through the tiny hamlet of Long Island on Route 761 about 28 miles by road south of Lynchburg, Virginia.—RHF

October 6, 1746: "Colonial Saml Cobbs" sold two tracts to "Mathew Talbot, Gent."
June 1, 1747: David Lee sold to Mathew Talbot.
July 6, 1747: John Turner sold to Mathew Talbot.
April 4, 1748: "Mathew Talbot, Gent., of Lunenburg County" sold to Richard Davis.
April 3, 1751: Philip Young sold to Mathew Talbot.

Had all this virgin land been unpeopled as well as uncultivated, life for our colonial ancestors would have been far more pleasant. There were however, the redskins, those aboriginal inhabitants who naturally enough, resented the invasion of the white men. All through these westward reaches of Virginia, plantation owners and small farmers alike had to maintain constant vigilance lest hostile Indians raid their homes, stealing, burning, and sometimes murdering and worse.

As is well known, protection of the lives of their wives and children, as well as of their property, forced all settlers in the "colonies" to form and maintain a militia for common defense. This need became even more acute when the French, further westward and to the north, sought to make numerous Indian tribes their allies to help them in their avowed purpose of driving the English out. It therefore is not surprising that MATHEW (1) TALBOT, a man fifty-five years of age when the French and Indian Wars broke out (1754) and a leader in his community, should soon have been commissioned colonel of the militia. (Pg. 25, Ref. No. 9) (Pg. 262, Ref. No. 30) (Vol. 7, Ref. No. 42)

History tells us that most of the fighting of the French and Indian Wars took place along the frontier further to the north. Nevertheless, Virginia as we know the state today, suffered much from sporadic raids by bands of hostile Indians who in Bedford County were the Cherokees. Indeed the manning of the string of so-called forts established along the Alleghenies by the then Colonel George Washington, and the safety of the settlers entrusted to his charge, were a constant source of worry to Washington, the young commander-in-chief of the militia, and to his chief, the Royal Lieutenant Governor, Robert Dinwiddie. (Chapters VII and VIII, Vol. 2, Ref. No. 43)

Pertaining to the military activities of Colonel MATHEW (1) TALBOT in those uneasy times, there are several of his original letters preserved among the "Papers of George Washington," in the Division

of Manuscripts of the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. First in chronological order is the dispatch, headed "Otter River," to one Colonel Clement Read, apparently Colonel MATHEW (1) TALBOT'S immediate military senior. In this, the writer stated: "I do everything I can to keep a few men out on the frontiers of this County but alas, I fear it will not be long" as all men were needed at this time of year (May) to plant corn for bread: and these men, continued Colonel TALBOT, because of the insufficiency of public funds available could not be promised adequate wages to support them and their families at home. His letter goes on to report news of bands of Indians, to tell of the uneasiness of the white settlers and of the fright of their womenfolk at the hostile attitude of the Indians who apparently were reconnoitering the settlements and the various plantations with an eye to later visits to steal and to kill. In this same communication, MATHEW (1) writes of "my son James" out scouting some 60 miles north of Winchester; and of "my son Matt" who was endeavoring to raise a party of some 25 woodsmen to go out after Indians. (Vol. 7, Ref. No. 42)

A second letter dated May 8, 1758, and received by Colonel MATHEW (1) TALBOT, was from one William Mead who wrote at James Turner's place on Goose Creek. He tells of the murder of all of the family of one Thomas Morgan and of the sacking of his home: and he begs Colonel TALBOT to send reinforcements to his group of only seventeen which was then opposed by at least thirty Indians, so he said. (Vol. 7, Ref. No. 42)

These and other matters were reported by Colonel MATHEW (1) TALBOT in an agony of despair. He stated to Colonel Read that Bedford County was demoralized by these bands of Cherokees which traveled through daily, robbing homes, stealing horses, murdering people. He urgently requested that men, arms, ammunition, and flints be sent him—and, in another letter dispatched a few days later, that his son ISHAM (2) TALBOT be returned to him to help. (Vol. 7, Ref. No. 42)

All these affairs were recounted on May 24, 1758, to Colonel George Washington by the Hon. John Blair, President of the Virginia Council who had succeeded to the direction of the government upon the departure for England of Lieutenant Governor Dinwiddie. To quote him in part: "This provoked the Inhabitants to a great degree: Col. Talbot sent out Militia to protect them." And he told Colonel Washington that

he had ordered a strict inquiry to be made by "Col. Read, Col. Talbot and Col. Maury." (Vol. 7, Ref. No. 42) (Ref. No. 44)

Most of his life in southern Virginia, MATHEW (1) shared with his second wife, née JANE CLAYTON, for MARY WILLISTON TALBOT, the wife of his youth, died October 1, 1736 (Ref. No. 29), leaving him with four boys:

CHARLES (2) TALBOT, born 1723 (Ref. No. 29)
MATHEW (2) TALBOT, born November 27, 1729 (Pg. 111, Vol. 7, Ref. 27)
JAMES (2) TALBOT, born November 7, 1733 (Ref. No. 37)
JOHN (2) TALBOT, born July 13, 1735 (Pg. 229, Vol. 2, Ref. No. 26) (Ref. No. 45)

MATHEW (1) married JANE CLAYTON in Bedford County, Virginia, on May 23, 1737, when she was about twenty-three years old. (Pg. 23, Ref. No. 9) (Ref. No. 25) Nothing has been learned of her parentage except that her mother had been a Miss Isham and that she herself was a niece of William Randolph. (Ref. No. 45) (Ref. No. 47)[3]

This union brought to six the total of MATHEW (1) TALBOT'S children, for JANE CLAYTON TALBOT bore him two, another son and his only daughter (Pgs. 23 and 28, Ref. No. 9) (Pgs. 257/9, Vol. 9 and Pgs. 61/2, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 25):

ISHAM (2) TALBOT, born November 3, 1738
MARTHA (2) TALBOT, born August 25, 1740

MATHEW (1) TALBOT died sometime in 1758 in his fifty-ninth year (Pgs. 23 and 58, Ref. No. 9) (Vol. 10, Pgs. 61/2, Ref. No. 25) "sick and weak in Body" as he wrote in his last will and testament although hastening to add "but of Perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be given to Almighty God." This document, the original of which as stated is on file in Bedford County Court House, Bedford, Virginia was

3. There can be no question that there was a connection between the Randolphs and the Ishams (an ancient family which hailed originally from Northamptonshire, England) for William Randolph (b. 1651) who came to Virginia from England about 1669, married Mary Isham of Bermuda Hundred. A son (grandson?), Isham Randolph, wed Jane Rogers; and they had a daughter Jane (who, incidentally, became the wife of Peter Jefferson and had Thomas, the third President of the United States). As far as discovered by the writer, however, these are the only two "Janes" connected with the Randolphs in those early days; and no Jane Clayton is mentioned in either *The Randolphs of Virginia* by Robert Isham Randolph nor in *Isham Genealogy* by Mary Allen Phinney, the two works on which the statements made in this footnote are chiefly based.—RHF

No. 28) quite probably influenced by the strong criticisms which Baptist and Presbyterian missionaries, sent in to the border counties of eastern Virginia, levelled at the conduct of the established church in Virginia and its clergy there (Pg. 188, Vol. 23, Ref. No. 10). Doubtless general resentment, after the Revolution, against England and all things English served also to increase obloquy heaped upon the Episcopal Church as being the Church of England.

The year of the death of CHARLES (2) TALBOT is fixed as 1779 by the facts that his will was dated July 4, 1779, and that it was probated August 23, 1779. (Ref. No. 46) This last will and testament mirrors so well the life of the times in which CHARLES (2) TALBOT lived, as to be worth giving here as closely as modern type can reproduce the faded, old-fashioned handwriting of those days. (Ref. No. 46)

*In the name of God Amen—*

July the fouth day one thousand seven Hundred and Seventy Nine.

I, Charles Talbot of Bedford County, being sick of Body but in my perfect senses & of of sound memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of life & the Certainty of death do think proper to make Constitute and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. First & principally, I Command my Soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian like manner according to the direction of my Executors hereafter mentioned & touching such worldly goods as hath pleased God to Bless me with—

Imprimis: It is my Will and desire that as soon as possible after my decease my Funeral Charges & Just debts be faithfully discharged.

Item. I lend unto my Beloved Wife, Drusilla Talbot, one negro man named Prince, one negro girl named Winney, one Negro Boy named Peter, one Horse called Bow, one horse called Jolly, one Horse called Brady, one side saddle and Bridle, one Featherbed & Furniture, Three Cows & Calves; also half my stock of cattle that shall remain after paying of the Legacies Contained in this my Will; also all my sheep that shall be left in like Manner; also the use of the House and plantation whereon I now live with as many Hoggs, Croping Utenseals, & Household Furniture as my Executors shall think she stands in need of. All the above mentioned Negroes, Plantation, Furniture, Stock, Utenseals with their increase I do leand unto my said Wife during her widowhood. I do farther lend unto my sd. wife, one negro man named Ben, & one negro woman named Rachel, four cows and calves, four sows & piggs, two featherbeds & furniture, one mare called young Leadenheels, one sorrell mare and Colt called young

Greenwood, and their Increase until the owners thereof hereafter mentioned shall come of age & no longer.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Beloved Son, Williston Talbot, one large Bible; my part of a negro named Adam which we hold in equal partnership; also a set of Blacksmiths tolls held in like manner & one mare called Greenwood.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Beloved Son, Charles Moile Talbot, one certain tract or parcel of Land lying on both sides of Whipping Creek whereon is the plantation I purchased of Preseton Gilbert: it also consists of part of the tract I purchased of Maury: & also part of a survey made on East side of sd. Creek, the whole containing Three hundred and Twenty six acres and bounded by Lines of my own direction; one negro man named Jacob one negro woman named Betty, one Featherbed and furniture, two cows & Calves, two Sows & Piggs, & my Stalion.

Item. I give & Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter, Mary Thurston, one Tract or parcel of Land lying on both sides of Whipping Creek bounded on upper side by Charles Moile Talbots Lower Line & on the lower line by a tract that I intend for my daughter Christiana Talbot, not known what quantity of my land lying between Charles Moile Talbots lower line & Pearce Pennells upper line, to be divided into two equal parts & that half joining Charles Moile Talbots lower line to be my Daughter Mary Thurstons, the dividing line to begin at Robt. Pennells line thence running through across sd. Creek to Maurays land on my back land: one negro woman named Phillis, one mare called Leadenheels, & one negro man named Dick.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my beloved son, David Gwin Talbot, one tract or parcel of land lying & being on the East side of Whipping Creek (word out—RHF) on the sd. Creek where Charles M. Talbots upper line crosses it, thence up sd. Creek as far as will take half the land I own above said mentioned line on S. side sd. Creek, thence running across through to Maurays land or my back line; one negro man named Ben, one Featherbed and Furniture, two Cows & Calves, two Sows and Piggs, one mare called young Greenwood & Colt of same mare, & the time of a mulatto boy named Oliver who is bound to serve to twenty one years of age; in case my wife shall marry or die before sd. boy shall come of age, and otherwise he is to serve his time with her during her widowhood or he shall come of age.

Item. I give & Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter, Christiana Talbot, one certain Tract or parcel of Land lying on both sides of Whipping Creek bound on the upper side by the land mentioned above for Mary Thurston & on the lower side by Pearce Pennells line, & to to contain same quantity of Mary Thurstons; one negro woman named Rachel with her increase, one young mare, old Pruets last colt; one featherbed & furniture, two cows & Calves, two Sows and Piggs, one side saddle & Bridle.

Item. I give & Bequeath to my beloved son Providence Talbot one Tract or parcel of land lying on East side of Whipping Creek beginning on said creek at my upper line, thence down said creek to the mouth of the Dry Branch, thence up sd. branch to my back line or Seegars & above sd. line to be his; one negro man named Prince, two young mares one called Baker the other called Leadenheels, one featherbed & furniture, two Cows & Calves, two Sows & piggs, one bridle & saddle.

Item. I give & Bequeath to my Beloved Son, George Talbot, one tract or parcel of land lying on East side of Whipping Creek beginning on said Creek at mouth of Dry Branch down sd. Creek to Charles M. Talbots upper line, thence along his line to Seegars, thence along his line to Providence Talbots lower line; one negro girl named Winney, one horse colt called Halls colt, two Cows & Calves, two Sows & Piggs, one featherbed & furniture, one bridle & saddle.

Item. I give & Bequeath to my Beloved son, Zeekey Talbot, one certain tract or parcel of land lying on the West side of Whipping Creek beginning at my upper line on sd. Creek thence down said Creek to David G. Talbots upper line, thence along his line to the back line including the plantation whereon I now live; one negro boy named Peter, one sorrel mare called Old Pruitt, one featherbed & furniture, two Cows & Calves, two Sows & Piggs, also as much cash as will purchase a saddle & Bridle.

Item. I give & Bequeath to each of my unmarried children, four head of sheep and the remainder of my stock of sheep to be lent to my wife during her widowhood; also that Plummer Thurston have the use of Christiana Talbots land till she shall come of age on paying the tax of same.

Item. It is my full desire that all lands, negroes, stock each and every article given and above mentioned to the above Legatees them and their heirs forever with all their increase (except—RHF) either of them should die under age & without issue & then such estate both real and personal to be equally divided between my legatees then living.

Item. It is my Will & what I Expect that my Wife will school such of my children that are under age so long as my Executors shall think requisite, also board & cloath them until they shall come of age & in case she does not chuse to do it, then my Executors to be possess'd of so much of the Estate in my wifes hands as will be sufficient to comply with what is above required of my Wife & provide for my children in the most advantageous manner they can.

Item. It is my Will & desire that all the surplus of my Estate of all kinds that is not given nor lent, that my Executors make sale of; also such articles which I have lent my wife at her death or marriage be sold & after paying my just debts the surplus then remaining to be equally divided between all my children.

Lastly, I do appoint & constitute my brother, John Talbot, my son Williston

Talbot, & my son Charles Moile Talbot, my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

Item. It is my desire that in case my Executors should find any of the stock wanting for the want of proper provision being made for them there while any of the Legatees are under age, to sell said stock & be accountable for the amount of such sale when they shall come of age.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal to this my last Will & Testament the date & year above written.

CHARLES TALBOT (*Seal*)

In the presence of
JOHN BULLOCK
SARY [X] COOK
CHARLES [X] WALKER

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of August 1779 this last Will & Testament of Charles Talbot, Gent., deceased, was proven by the oaths of John Bullock and Sarah Cook.

Witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded.

And on motion of John Talbot, Williston Talbot and Charles Moile Talbot the Executors therein named who made oath thereto, certificate is granted them for obtaining probate in due form giving security—whereupon they together with John Fitz Patrick, Moses Fuqua and Plummer Thurston, their securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Twenty Thousand Pounds for the said Executors due & faithful administration of the said decedents Estate and performance of his will.

Teste:
J. STEPTOE

NOTE: The name "J. Steptoe" is followed by two letters which might be "Cl"—possibly an abbreviation for "Clerk."—RHF

CHARLES (2) TALBOT'S brother, MATHEW (2) TALBOT, is the one of the second generation in America in whom we are more interested than in any other son of the original MATHEW (1) since our branch stems from him and from CLAYTON (3) his son. However, and before taking up MATHEW (2), it may not be amiss to set forth here what your compiler has learned of others of the second generation in America, incident to his search for information on his own direct line.

CHARLES (2) then, was the eldest of the sons of MATHEW (1) After CHARLES (2) came MATHEW (2), JAMES (2), and JOHN (2), all four boys mothered by MARY WILLISTON TALBOT. In addition, there were the two children, ISHAM (2) and MARTHA (2)

presented to MATHEW (1) by his second wife, JANE CLAYTON TALBOT.

Turning now to JAMES (2), he apparently made his home in Bedford County also, for he was born there (November 7, 1733), he was baptized there (April 7, 1734), he was married there (1759): and his last will and testament was probated there (March 4, 1777). (Pgs. 374 and 376, Ref. No. 37) (Pg. 257, Vol. 9, Ref. No. 28) (Ref. No. 30) (Ref. No. 46) (Ref. No. 47)

His marriage, in 1759, was to Miss ELIZABETH SMITH who came originally from Gloucester County, in the eastern part of Virginia. She bore him (Pg. 61, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 25):

ISHAM (3) TALBOT
JAMES (3) SMITH TALBOT
JOHN (3) TALBOT
WILLISTON (3) TALBOT
NANCY (3) TALBOT
MARTHA (3) TALBOT
SARAH (3) TALBOT

In addition, Rosa Talbot Knight in "Talbot and Wingfield Families" gives MARY (3), PHOEBE (3), THOMAS (3), and MATHEW (3) as other issue of this marriage. (Ref. No. 47)

The exact date of the death of JAMES (2) TALBOT has not been discovered by this compiler. However, it doubtless occurred in late 1776 or early 1777 for, as has been said, his will was probated in Bedford County March 4, 1777. (Ref. No. 46). His nephew, in his account of the family, says that JAMES (2) TALBOT died during the Revolution and that upon his death all of his children (he names ISHAM (3), JAMES (3), JOHN (3), WILLISTON (3) and MARY (3), went to live with ISHAM (2), half brother of JAMES (2). (Ref. No. 28)

JOHN (2) TALBOT, youngest son of MATHEW (1) and his first wife, MARY WILLISTON TALBOT, was born (July 13, 1735) in Virginia. He married, first SARAH ANTHONY of Bedford. They had no children. His second wife was MARY MOSELY, daughter of Colonel William Mosely of Princess Anne County. They had (Pg. 61, Vol. 10, Ref. No. 25) (Pg. 229, Vol. 2, Ref. No. 26):

THOMAS (3) TALBOT, who married Miss ELISABETH CRESSWELL, daughter of the Rev. James Cresswell and his wife, Elizabeth Garlington.

MATHEW (3) TALBOT, who married ELIZABETH MUNGER.

ELIZABETH (3) TALBOT, who married GEORGE WALKER, Esquire.

ANNE (3) WILLISTON TALBOT, who married Colonel TRIPLETT, an officer in the Revolutionary Army.

PHOEBE (3) TALBOT, who married DAVID CRESSWELL, a colonel in the Army of the Revolution.

JOHN (2) TALBOT, himself, the father of these five children, was preminently a politician and a patriot. He was for twenty-five sessions a member of the House of Burgesses at Williamsburg, the capital of colonial Virginia, where he represented his home community, Bedford County. He with others of his associates signed the agreements against importation or purchase of British manufactures, May 18, 1769, May 27, and August 1774. (Ref. No. 48) It will be recalled that repeal of the Stamp Act was followed by the equally unpopular Townsend scheme of indirect taxation instead of allowing tax rates to be set by the local assembly. The Burgesses made such vigorous protests against this injustice that the Governor hurriedly dissolved the meeting only to have many members adjourn across the road to Raleigh Tavern whence they issued their resolutions in defiance of the King's representative. (Pgs. 188c, Vol. 23, Ref. No. 10) These acts, famous in our history, are commemorated by a bronze tablet erected on a stone monument in the grounds of the old capitol at Williamsburg, Virginia, which lists the signers. There the name of JOHN (2) TALBOT appears with those of George Washington, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee and others. (Ref. No. 48) (Ref. No. 49)

In 1783, JOHN (2) TALBOT, already a man of means, left Virginia and with his family and some 100 slaves, went to Wilkes County, Georgia, where he purchased 50,000 acres of land. His new community several times sent him to the legislature at Savannah as an elected delegate. (Pg. 229, Vol. 2, Ref. No. 26) In August of 1795 he passed away and was buried in Smyrna (Presbyterian) Church yard, 6 miles from Washington on the Augusta Highway, according to the *Augusta Courier,* in Wilkes County. In addition to the credit due JOHN (2) TALBOT as one of the patriots who helped lay the foundation of our nation, he might well have had added to his epitaph the words of his nephew EDMUND (3) TALBOT, who wrote: "He was the pleasantest man I ever knew. I loved him dearly." (Ref. No. 28)

ISHAM (2), youngest son of MATHEW (1), became prominent in public affairs in Virginia. He married ELIZABETH DAVIS and among their twelve children was ISHAM (3). The family moved to Kentucky and there both father and son became active in law and politics, ISHAM (3) being a landowner, an attorney-at-law, a member of the State Senate, and (1815-1825) a member of the U. S. Senate from Kentucky. MARTHA (2) TALBOT, a sister of ISHAM (2), married BARNABAS ARTHUR, perhaps a son of MATHEW (1)'s neighbor "William Arther," mentioned in the will of MATHEW (1). (Ref. No. 46)

We return now to MATHEW (1) TALBOT'S second son, MATHEW (2) TALBOT from whom descended that branch of the family on which the major interest of this account centers. As has been stated, he was born November 27, 1729, in Bristol Parish, Virginia (Pg. 111, Vol. 7, Ref. No. 27) (Ref. No. 37). This was the "my son Matt" mentioned in one of his father's letters as endeavoring to raise a party of woodsmen in 1758 to go out after Indians who were terrorizing the good folk of Bedford County. At that time he held a commission as captain of the Bedford militia (Pg. 111, Vol. 7, Ref. No. 27).

MATHEW (2) TALBOT married MARY HALE (HAILE?) DAY, who was born in 1728 and died in 1785. She was a daughter of Nicholas Hale (Haile?), who has been mentioned before as a business partner of MATHEW (1) TALBOT, and of his wife Ruth Hale, both originally of Burk's County, Pennsylvania but who later probably moved to the neighborhood of the Talbot's. MARY HALE DAY at the time of her marriage was the widow of Mr. Thomas Day by whom she had had one child. MATHEW (2) and his wife MARY had seven children of their own: HALE (3), MATHEW (3), THOMAS(3), WILLIAM (3), EDMUND (3), CLAYTON (3), and MARY (3). Ref. No. 50)

In his young manhood, MATHEW (2), in addition to performing his military service, was a hunter and trapper. He later established himself as a merchant. In 1777 or 1778, he left Virginia and settled first in the valley of the Watauga River in what is now eastern Tennessee, where he engaged in the cattle business. (Ref. No. 28). Some eight years later, he again moved, this time to Wilkes County, Georgia, where, as we have seen, his younger brother JOHN (2) had gone before him. Born a high churchman, the wave of religious fervor which engulfed the south in this day, swept both him and his wife into the fold of the Baptist Church in which he became a minister and so remained until his death

in Wilkes County about 1812. (Ref. No. 27) (Ref. No. 28) (Ref. No. 50)

Of his children, nothing is known about HALE (3) or WILLIAM (3), other than the fact of the birth of each. MATHEW (3), son of MATHEW (2) and first cousin of MATHEW (3), son of JOHN (2), fought in the Revolution, later becoming a surveyor in Georgia where his father had taken the family. (Ref. No. 26). Of MATHEW (2)'S son THOMAS (3), nothing was found except as hereinafter noted.

EDMUND (3) TALBOT was born in Campbell County, Virginia, March 28, 1767. He went with his parents into eastern Tennessee and thence to Georgia where he married MARY HARVEY, daughter of John Harvey of Washington County, Georgia. EDMUND (3) was a staunch churchman and early in his young manhood decided to follow his father's example by becoming a minister of the Gospel. He was ordained at Williamson's Swamp Church in Washington County, Georgia, and served his God from then on to his death in 1858. (Pg. 257, Vol. 9, Ref. No. 25) (Ref. No. 28). His wife MARY TALBOT died about 1807, leaving him with seven children (Ref. No. 28):

WILLIAM (4) TALBOT
SALLY (4) TALBOT, who married a Mr. DAVIS of Georgia
JOHN (4) TALBOT
MARTHA (4) TALBOT, who married a Mr. ASHBURN of Georgia
MATHEW(4) TALBOT
POLLY (4) TALBOT, who married a Mr. BULLARD of Georgia
ELIZABETH (4) TALBOT, who married a Mr. WALKER of Georgia.

The father EDMUND (3) TALBOT as a widower married again, his second wife's given name being unknown to the present writer. Her family, however, was Canthorn (Cauthorn?); and she was the widow of a Mr. McCulloch. By her EDMUND (3) had three daughters (Ref. No. 28):

ELIZA (4), who married a Mr. CASON of Florida
AMELIA (4), who married a Mr. PORTER of Alabama
AMANDA (4), who married a Dr. A. I. ROBINSON of Columbus, Georgia.

This lists all of the children of MATHEW (2) and MARY TALBOT and tells of his grandchildren through EDMUND (3). It is silent, however, concerning CLAYTON (3) and MARY (3) TALBOT. Of the latter, nothing has been found by the author of this account, who con-

fesses that no great effort was made to discover something of her life, since his greatest interest in her generation attached to her brother CLAYTON (3), known throughout his life as CLAYTON MERRIWETHER TALBOT but whose name appears in records, including his tombstone in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky, simply as "Clayton Talbot."[5]

The latter was born in Virginia in 1765 but as a lad accompanied his parents to Georgia, where the family moved in 1777 or 1778, it will be recalled. There, in 1790, he married the daughter of Mr. Stanley Crews, of Wilkes County, Georgia—MARY CREWS, a belle in her day renowned as "pretty Polly Crews." (Pg. 208, Vol. 2, Ref. No. 51)

CLAYTON (3) MERRIWETHER TALBOT and his wife had three daughters:

MELINDA (4) TALBOT, born February 7, 1793, and died in Louisville, Kentucky in 1877.

SUSAN (4) TALBOT, born February 17, 1794, and died in Peewee Valley, Kentucky November 22, 1870.

SOPHIA (4) WESTERN TALBOT, born August 13, 1797, died in St. Louis, Missouri June 16, 1892.

With them the name of Talbot, as a surname, died in this branch for CLAYTON (3) had no son.

CLAYTON (3) MERRIWETHER TALBOT after his marriage to MARY CREWS TALBOT, went to Russellville, Kentucky, but later moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he and his older brother THOMAS (3) engaged in the construction business with marked success. The three daughters were probably born and educated in Nashville and in their young womanhood joined their parents in the social life of the capital. There is a legend of the charm and beauty of SUSAN (4) TALBOT and of how she danced with Andrew Jackson at a ball tendered him on the occasion of his being made a major general of the regular army (1814) (Pg. 851d, Vol. 12, Ref. No. 10), a ball at which all the ladies were required to have at least made their own dresses if not also have actually woven the cloth for them. It was said, in the speech of those days: "The General was at once captivated by her fine presence, danced with her several times during the evening, and complimented her

5. In this connection it might be recorded here that CLAYTON (3) TALBOT'S punch ladle, now (1955) in the possession of the writer, is engraved "CMT."—RHF

highly on the stylish appearance of her home-spun gown and the superior grace with which her personal charm enabled her to display it." (Ref. No. 52—JAM)

General Jackson was a frequent visitor at the Talbot home which was built in 1792 and now (1955) is still standing. The portrait of CLAYTON (3) MERRIWETHER TALBOT by Gilbert Stuart, now (1955) in the possession of Mrs. WILLIAM McPHERSON (SOPHIA (7) GWYNNE COLEMAN) of Palo Alto, California, was probably painted while he was living in Nashville.

After a number of years, CLAYTON (3) and his family moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where he became interested in real estate, and incidentally, built the first brick building in Huntsville. He did not live in the city, however, but resided on a nearby plantation in the pleasant style of the prosperous landed proprietor of those days, much entertaining and annual trips to the Springs during the summer and so on. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

CLAYTON (3) TALBOT'S signature and that of his wife MARY, appear on a number of deeds of Madison County filed in Huntsville, Alabama. The first in which they both are mentioned was executed in 1818. (Pg. 168, Ref. No. 53) Another joint document was one transferring land to JOHN POPE OLDHAM of Kentucky, May 30, 1820 (Pg. 322, Ref. No. 54). Again husband and wife sign in January 1827 deeding land to Lewis Talliaferro (Pg. 483, Ref. No. 55): and on December 30, 1829, once more they act conjointly in transferring land from Robert Thompson (Pg. 100, Ref. No. 56). Beginning in 1830 however, CLAYTON (3) TALBOT'S signature appears alone and this, coupled with other evidence, leads us to believe that "pretty Polly Crews" died that year. (Ref. No. 57) (Pg. 24, Ref. No. 58). She probably was buried in the family cemetery in Nashville, though no record has been found and the tombstones are too worn to read. (Ref. No. 52—JAM and SCMcP)

After his wife's death, CLAYTON (3) and his unmarried daughter, SOPHIA (4) WESTERN TALBOT (Ref. No. 52—JAM and SCMcP) with their slaves and household belongings, went to live in Kentucky on his farm called "Pomona," in Jefferson County just outside of the City of Louisville. Here they established a comfortable home. MELINDA (4) and her husband lived in Jefferson County too on their farm "Fair Hope." SUSAN (4) and her children later made

their home in the vicinity also, so the three sisters became neighbors. It was here, surrounded by his children and grandchildren that CLAYTON (3) TALBOT died in 1855 and was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, in Louisville. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP and JAM) (Ref. No. 59).

MELINDA (4) TALBOT the eldest daughter of CLAYTON (3) and MARY CREWS TALBOT, married Judge JOHN POPE OLDHAM, who was born 1785, the son of Colonel William Oldham and his wife Penelope Pope Oldham. Colonel William Oldham was killed while leading the Kentucky troops in General Arthur Saint Clair's unsuccessful expedition (1790-91) culminating in the battle called "Saint Clair's Defeat," November 4, 1791, against Indians threatening the settlement which today we know as Cincinnati, Ohio. His name is graven on the shaft commemorating Kentucky's war dead in the cemetery at Frankfort, Kentucky. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP) (Pg. 711d, Vol. 6, Ref. No. 10) The four children of Judge and Mrs. OLDHAM were all born at "Fair Hope" as were many of their grandchildren also. After a distinguished career on the bench, the Judge died December 14, 1857, loved and respected by the entire community. He was buried in the Oldham lot in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville. His widow, soon after his death moved into Louisville and lived with her daughter SUSAN (5) and her husband, in whose home she died in 1877. She was known for the great kindness and sweetness of her character. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

The four children of MELINDA (4) TALBOT and her husband Judge OLDHAM, were:

SOPHIA (5) OLDHAM
SUSAN (5) TALBOT OLDHAM
WILLIAM (5) OLDHAM
TALBOT (5) OLDHAM

The second daughter of Clayton (3) and MARY CREWS TALBOT, called SUSAN (4) TALBOT, while on a visit to her sister and brother-in-law, met a Dr. GIDEON BROWN, M.D., of Hardin County, Kentucky, and on November 9, 1812, married him from the home of Judge OLDHAM. Dr. BROWN settled in Hardinsburg and there practiced medicine until his death in 1824. They had five children:

JOHN (5) BROWN
CLAYTON 5) BROWN

RICHARD (5) BROWN
THOMAS (5) BROWN
MARY (5) CREWS TALBOT BROWN, born May 1, 1822

Some twelve months after her husband's death SUSAN (4) TALBOT BROWN moved with her children and servants to a farm near Louisville, Kentucky. Here she made her home and brought up her children. (Ref. No. 52—JAM)

We now turn to SOPHIA (4) WESTERN TALBOT, the third child of CLAYTON (3) MERRIWETHER TALBOT and MARY CREWS TALBOT, the daughter who danced with General Jackson.

Born in 1797 and named for the heroine of Fielding's *Tom Jones,* SOPHIA (4) WESTERN TALBOT was a woman famous for her wit and unquestionably was an outstanding person. It will be recalled that she spent her girlhood in Alabama and Tennessee and, after her mother's death, moved with her father to his farm "Pomona," near Louisville, Kentucky. It was here that a former suitor, Major David Gwynne, United States Army, a member of an old Cincinnati family, and a widower now, again sought her hand. Their marriage at her father's home was a noteworthy social event of the year. They went to Cincinnati where Mrs. GWYNNE won her place as one of the most charming hostesses of the social set. However, only six years later, Major GWYNNE died. They had no children but Major GWYNNE had had children by a former marriage, all of whom were fond of their step-grandmother, particularly Alice Gwynne (who married Cornelius Vanderbilt). After a life of almost perfect health SOPHIA (4) TALBOT GWYNNE succumbed to pneumonia at the age of 96 still in full possession of her faculties. She was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville. (Newspaper Obituary, Ref. No. 52—JAM) (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

Returning to the children of MELINDA (4) TALBOT and her husband Judge JOHN POPE OLDHAM, the eldest was SOPHIA (5) OLDHAM who married Judge BULLOCK of Louisville. They had one son JOHN (6) OLDHAM BULLOCK who married LORRAINE TANNER of Virginia. They in turn had four children (Ref. No. 52, SCMcP):

HORACE (7) HILL BULLOCK, who died in childhood.

EDWARD(7) BULLOCK, born in 1850 and who died a bachelor in 1891, was a law partner of Ex-Governor Boreman at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

TALBOT (7) BULLOCK, who became an attorney and philanthropist at Parkersburg.

JOHN (7) OLDHAM BULLOCK, married, and was at one time Assistant Postmaster at Parkersburg. He had two daughters, of whom one died; the older, LOUISE (8) BULLOCK, was still living in the home at Parkersburg as late as 1953.

In 1835 SUSAN (5) OLDHAM, the second child of MELINDA (4) TALBOT and her husband Judge OLDHAM, was married at "Fair Hope," to HORACE BUCKNER HILL, of Virginia, who was born in 1800 and who died in Louisville in 1874. While just a young lad, not much more than a child, HORACE B. HILL ran away from home and joined the army during the War of 1812, but was sent home again when his age was discovered. His parents died soon after the war and his grandmother went West, taking him and his fifteen elder brothers and sisters with her, to join two of her sons who had gone to Missouri in covered wagons some years before. En route she left young HORACE with his cousin, Mr. William Prather, a banker of Louisville, Kentucky.

On attaining manhood, Mr. HILL himself became a banker; and, in due course, the father of twelve children.[6] These children, all born at "Fairhope," were as follows (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP):

SOPHIA (6) HILL, born 1837 : died 1842.

ELIZABETH (6) HILL, born 1838 : died 1842.

HORACE (6) BUCKNER HILL, JR., born 1840 : died 1868 in Louisville, Kentucky.

JOHN (6) OLDHAM HILL, born 1842 : died 1875 in Louisville, Kentucky.

MELINDA (6) OLDHAM HILL, born 1843 : died 1919 in Hillsborough, California.

FANNY (6) SMITH HILL, born 1845 : died 1929 in Lexington, Kentucky.

SUSAN (6) GWYNNE HILL, born 1847 : died in New York, New York.

WILLIAM (6) PRATHER HILL, born 1852 : died 1871 in Louisville, Kentucky.

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6. HORACE B. HILL began his banking career with the Bank of Kentucky. He later was transferred first to that branch in Maysville, Kentucky, and then to assume increased responsibilities in the bank in Lexington, Kentucky. By this time his family had grown so large that no suitable dwelling could be found for them all; so the Directors of the Bank offered Mr. HILL the old banking house which faced the court house square, the Bank itself occupying the lower floor, leaving the upper floors of some thirty rooms to be made over into the Hill's home. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

LUCY (6) HILL, born 1852 : died in San Francisco, California, 1928.
ALEXANDER (6) CHURCHILL HILL, born 1853 : died 1861 in Louisville, Kentucky.
ELIZA (6) MACALESTER HILL, born 1856: died in Louisville, Kentucky, 1886.
LEONARD (6) HILL, born in Louisville : died in St. Louis, Missouri.

Of these twelve children descended from MELINDA (4) TALBOT through her daughter SUSAN (5) TALBOT OLDHAM, the one closest to the members of that branch of the family in California for which this account has primarily been compiled, is MELINDA (6) OLDHAM HILL. In 1863, she married Mr. BARRY COLEMAN, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1840, the son of Thomas C. Coleman of Ireland and Deborah Morgan Coleman of Wales. They in their turn had ten children (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP) :

THOMAS (7) MORGAN COLEMAN, born 1865 in Louisville, Kentucky : died in Texas in 1934.
LINDA (7) HILL COLEMAN, died in infancy.
HORACE (7) HILL COLEMAN, born in 1868 : died in 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri.
DORA (7) COLEMAN, died in infancy. } twins.
SUE (7) COLEMAN, died in infancy. }
SOPHIA (7) GWYNNE COLEMAN, born 1870.
BARRY (7) COLEMAN, JR., born 1871 : died in 1892 in St. Louis, Missouri.
ETHEL (7) CHURCHILL COLEMAN, born October 31, 1873, in Louisville, Kentucky.
DUPONT (7) COLEMAN, born 1877 : died in San Francisco, California, 1931.
LUCY (7) GWIN COLEMAN, born January 4, 1886.

MELINDA (6) OLDHAM HILL and her husband lived in Louisville, Kentucky, for some years, then in St. Louis, Missouri, and finally moved to San Francisco, California, where Mr. BARRY COLEMAN died in 1907.

THOMAS (7) MORGAN COLEMAN, the oldest child of MELINDA (6) HILL and BARRY COLEMAN, married LOUISE JOHN AYCOCK of Texas. They had two children (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP) :

LINDA (8) HILL COLEMAN
CATHERINE (8) ELIZABETH COLEMAN

LINDA HILL (8) COLEMAN, the elder daughter, herself a graduate in medical surgery, married Colonel R. KEITH SIMPSON, M.D., Army of the United States, who served on General MacArthur's staff in Manila in World War II. Now (1955) retired, he and his wife, live on their ranch in Texas. They have one son, THOMAS (9) COLEMAN SIMPSON, born June 24, 1924. He entered the Air Force, Army of the United States, during World War II, serving as an officer overseas with The First Air Commando Group, China-Burma-India Theatre, and later with the 14th Air Force, China. He reverted to inactive status in 1953, as a Captain, United States Air Force. He married LOUETTA DESCHENGER of Texas and they have two sons (Ref. No. 57—SCMcP):

GEORGE (10) KEITH SIMPSON, born 1947.
RICHARD (10) VAUGHAN SIMPSON, born 1950.

DR. CATHERINE (8) ELIZABETH COLEMAN, M.D., the younger daughter of THOMAS (7) MORGAN COLEMAN and LOUISE AYCOCK, his wife, studied medicine and has had a successful practice in Houston, Texas, for some years. She has not married.

HORACE (7) HILL COLEMAN, the third child of BARRY and MELINDA (6) COLEMAN to reach maturity, married Miss MAY RICHARD. Both died in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1936, leaving no children. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

SOPHIA (7) GWYNNE COLEMAN, to whom this genealogical compilation is dedicated, is living in Palo Alto, California, as this is written (1955). She married WILLIAM McPHERSON (born in 1865 and died in San Francisco, California, in 1934), the son of Dr. Maynard McPherson and his wife, Mary Fitzhugh McPherson of Maryland. There were no children. Mrs. McPHERSON served in the Ambulance Committee in the Spanish-American War, and worked with the Red Cross in World Wars I and II. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP).

ETHEL (7) CHURCHILL COLEMAN, the eighth child, married WALTER STEVENS BONNER in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1892. They had three children born in Rusk, Texas, where Mr. BONNER was a

member of the Bonner Bank. Their children were (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP):

LUCY (8) HILL BONNER, born 1893.
GEORGIA (8) COLEMAN BONNER, born April 18, 1896.
LINDA (8) OLDHAM BONNER, born 1906.

LUCY (8) HILL BONNER married Mr. RAYMOND VERMILLION (born in 1895) the son of Jacob and Ella Vermillion. They had two sons, the elder being RAYMOND (9) VERMILLION, JR., born 1918, at Rusk, Texas. In World War II he won several service badges and decorations—the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart, African and European Campaign Badge with five stars, etc. In February 1941, he married Miss MILDRED HALL, daughter of Mr. Ide Hall and his wife, Rose, of Rusk, Texas. Their children are (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP):

RAYMOND (10) ROSS VERMILLION, born 1942 in Jacksonville, Texas.
WALTER (10) IDE VERMILLION, born 1947 in Jacksonville, Texas.
ROSEMARY (10) VERMILLION, born 1950 at Palestine, Texas.

The second son of LUCY (8) BONNER and her husband RAYMOND VERMILLION, is JACOB (9) F. VERMILLION, born 1927 in Rusk, Texas, who became an attorney-at-law and is now (1955) practicing in Rusk, Texas. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

The second child of ETHEL (7) CHURCHILL COLEMAN and WALTER S. BONNER, GEORGIA (8) BONNER, married RALPH LANG of Rusk, Texas. (born 1896, died 1940). Their children are:

WILLIS (9) ROY LANG, born 1917, unmarried (1955).
ETHEL(9) BONNER LANG, born 1919 at Rusk, Texas.
(Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

In 1941, ETHEL (9) BONNER LANG, married HAYDEN BROWN, born 1917. Their children are:

PATRICIA (10) ETHEL BROWN, born 1945.
ROBERT (10) HAYDEN BROWN, born 1951. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

The third daughter of ETHEL (7) CHURCHILL COLEMAN and her husband WALTER S. BONNER, is LINDA (8) OLDHAM BONNER, born 1906 in Hillsborough, San Mateo County, California. On

July 19, 1931 she married RICHARD CRAIG RAMSEY (born 1897), son of Professor Malcolm Ramsey of Stanford University, and his wife Agnes Craig Ramsey. They had one son RICHARD (9) BONNER RAMSEY, born February 19, 1938 at Menlo Park, California. They were divorced in 1946, LINDA (8) BONNER RAMSEY going into the real estate business, in which she has made a fine record. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

DUPONT (7) COLEMAN, born 1887 and died in 1931, was the youngest son of MELINDA (6) OLDHAM HILL and BARRY COLEMAN. He married Miss ADA ARNOLD: their only child, PATRICA (8) DUPONT COLEMAN, was born in San Francisco in 1913. She is unmarried and presently (1955) is connected with the San Francisco Office of the Department of Agriculture. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

LUCY (7) GWIN COLEMAN, youngest child of MELINDA (6) and BARRY COLEMAN, was born in 1886 in Louisville, Kentucky and went with her parents to California when a child. In 1907 she married WILLIAM GERMAIN VINCENT (born in 1882; died 1946), son of Mary Monroe and George A. Vincent of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. VINCENT, as a young man went to San Francisco, California, and became associated with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, of which, at the time of his death, he was Vice-President and Executive Engineer. LUCY (7) GWIN VINCENT and her husband were active in the civic and social life of San Francisco. During World War I, she worked with the Red Cross as Inspector of Production; and in World War II, she was chairman of Production at the Alta Plaza Centre of the Red Cross in San Francisco. At present (1955) she maintains her home in Palo Alto, California, where her children and grandchildren are now living. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP) LUCY (7) GWIN and WILLIAM GERMAIN VINCENT had two children:

LINDA (8) MONROE VINCENT, born 1910 in Berkeley, California.
CLOTILDE (8) GERMAIN VINCENT, born in 1914 in San Francisco, California.

LINDA (8) MONROE VINCENT, the elder daughter, married KENDALL BARNES of Philadelphia in 1934. They lived in New York City, where Mr. BARNES was connected with a prominent law firm until the beginning of World War II, when he went to Washington

to serve the government; and LINDA (8) BARNES joined The Women's Auxiliary Corps of the Army. She served throughout the war, early attaining the rank of lieutenant, attached to the Air Force of the Army of the United States. After the war, she entered Civil Service. The marriage to KENDALL BARNES ended in divorce, and in 1948, LINDA (8) BARNES married AUGUST CASSELMAN ROHRIG, son of Rev. August William Rohrig and his wife Eva Naomi Casselman. Mr. ROHRIG is a descendant, on his mother's side, of United Empire loyalists who emigrated to Canada at the end of the American Revolution. He himself is a citizen of the United States, born January 29, 1915, in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, in which state he received his education. He served in the 9th Air Force in the European Theater during World War II. He is now (1956) in the steel business in San Francisco, California. He and his wife have adopted a boy, WILLIAM (9) VINCENT ROHRIG, born November 8, 1951, at Redding, California. (Ref. No. 52—SCMcP)

The second daughter of LUCY (7) GWIN COLEMAN and her husband, W. GERMAIN VINCENT, CLOTILDE (8) GERMAIN VINCENT, in 1940 married THOMAS BENJAMIN CURRAN, JR., born 1912 in Tacoma, Washington, son of Dr. Thomas B. Curran and his wife, Elizabeth Wells Butler. In World War II, Mr. Curran was commissioned as a lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve, and served with credit as Assistant Engineer Officer of the heavy cruiser, USS *San Francisco,* participating in ten naval operations in the Pacific Theater. Of this marriage three children were born:

THOMAS (9) BENJAMIN CURRAN, III, born October 8, 1946.
SUSAN (9) GERMAIN CURRAN, born October 31, 1947.
ELIZABETH (9) COLEMAN CURRAN, born August 21, 1951.

All were born in Bakersville, California, where Mr. CURRAN was in business and where he met an untimely death in 1952. His widow, with the children, then moved to Palo Alto, California, establishing a home near her mother's. On April 16, 1955, she married HENRY REY SANDER, JR. (born 1911), son of Henry Rey Sander and his wife, Lillian Reed Sander (died 1955), of Piedmont, California. Mr. SANDER took his degree as a landscape architect and, working with the Golden Gate International Exhibition, developed sprinkler irrigation

equipment. He is now associated with the Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation, with executive offices in San Jose, California.

This brings to an end the tale of the descendants of MELINDA (4) TALBOT and her husband Judge JOHN POPE OLDHAM. It carried us through their two daughters, SOPHIA (5) and SUSAN (5), as well as these two sisters' children and grandchildren, and SUSAN'S great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; the Oldhams the Bullocks, the Hills, the Colemans and their descendants to 1955.

We now return to SUSAN (4) TALBOT (the sister of MELINDA (4) OLDHAM and SOPHIA (4) TALBOT GWYNNE) and her husband, Dr. GIDEON BROWN, M.D., who it will be recalled, had five children, the youngest of whom was MARY (5) CREWS TALBOT BROWN. Born May 1, 1822, in Hardinsburg, Kentucky, died in Oakland, California, on April 12, 1876, she became the beloved matriarch of another branch of the family, most of whom eventually moved from Kentucky to California where many of their descendants now live. MARY (5) CREWS TALBOT BROWN, on February 6, 1840, at Saint Paul's Church in Louisville, Kentucky, married JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER (born October 23, 1815, in Geneva, Pennsylvania, and died October 8, 1900, in San Francisco, California), the son of John Thomas Miller and his wife, Mary Garland.[7] They had eleven children, all born in Kentucky, where for many years Mr. MILLER engaged in business in Louisville. Their children were (Ref. No. 52—JAM, OSF, MMC, RHF, RWM):

SOPHIA (6) MILLER, born June 11, 1841, died 1843.

SUSAN (6) MILLER (the first), born December 1, 1843 : died 1844.

SUSAN (6) MILLER (the second), born in Louisville, Kentucky, May 1, 1844 : died September 17, 1886 in Oakland, California.

JAMES (6) ALLAN MILLER, born in Louisville, Kentucky, November 16, 1846 : died in Riverside, California, December 1, 1918.

MARY (6) EMILY MILLER, born in Louisville, Kentucky, December 7, 1848 : died September 24, 1937.

NOBLE (6) BUTLER MILLER, born at "Undulata," Peewee Valley,[8] Kentucky, September 16, 1850 : died in San Francisco, California, August 22, 1876.

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7. A genealogical sketch of JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER'S family is to be found in Exhibit B.—RHF

8. Peewee Valley is the name given a charming region of country homes some fifteen miles from Louisville, Kentucky. There Mr. Miller had bought and improved a forty-acre "farm" which he named "Undulata." (Ref. No. 52—JAM)

OCTAVIA (6) SHREVE MILLER, born at "Undulata," Peewee Valley, Kentucky, October 23, 1853 : : died in Madrid, Spain, June 21, 1932.
MADELINE (6) R. MILLER, born September 4, 1854 : died 1855.
ROBERT (6) H. MILLER, born July 11, 1856 : died 1857.
JOSEPH (6) CLAYTON TALBOT MILLER, born in Louisville, Kentucky, April 8, 1857.
WILLIAM (6) WALLACE MILLER, born Louisville, Kentucky, June 20, 1864 : died in San Francisco, California, February 29, 1940.

Possessed of considerable business acumen, Mr. MILLER was able to retire by 1850 to his farm "Undulata" in Peewee Valley, Kentucky. Four years later, however, he tired of the life of a country squire, sold his country place and returned to Louisville where he founded a wholesale seed and agricultural supply house, selling this business in 1856 to establish a factory for the manufacture of farm equipment, the first such concern in that region and a rewarding venture. Along with his business activities, Mr. MILLER and his wife played prominent parts in the church and social life of Louisville and of Peewee Valley. SUSAN (4) TALBOT BROWN, the mother of MARY (5) CREWS MILLER, after her daughter's marriage, spent much of the remainder of her life with her and her husband and their many children. She died in 1870 at the Miller's second country home, "Dilcoosha," also in Peewee Valley, being buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. She was a very well loved person, famous for her wit and her cheerful, happy disposition. (Ref. No. 52—JAM and OSF)

In 1868, Mr. MILLER again retired, this time to "Dilcoosha." This place Mr. MILLER sold in 1872 however, and moved to San Francisco, California, where he and his wife took with them or were later joined by all their children except their daughter, MARY (6) EMILY (who remained behind with her husband, JAMES S. LYMAN), and their son JOSEPH (6) CLAYTON TALBOT MILLER, who also stayed in Louisville. (Ref. No. 52—JAM and OSF)

Of all the children of MARY (5) and JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER, the first to survive infancy, was the second child to be named Susan—SUSAN (6) MILLER, who grew up to be a woman known for her graciousness, beauty, and charm. On December 23, 1863, at Christ's Church in Louisville, Kentucky, she married WILLIAM WALLACE SHAW (born January 19, 1838), son of James Shaw of New Hampshire and his wife (née Anderson). He died August 24,

1918 in Berkeley, California. Mr. SHAW was an attorney-at-law and financier and a man most distinguished in appearance. Later in their married life MARY (5) MILLER and her husband and children left Louisville and went to East Oakland, California, where they established themselves in a pleasant suburb known as Highland Park, and there brought up their six children. These were (Ref. No. 52—JAM, KSC, OSF, VFS, ESL):

MARY (7) WALLACE SHAW, born September 22, 1864 in Louisville, Kentucky : died, unmarried, March 17, 1948, in San Francisco, California.

SUSAN (7) MILLER SHAW, born May 10, 1867, in Louisville, Kentucky : died July 1, 1950.

KATHERINE (7) MOORE EWING SHAW, born February 27, 1869 in Louisville, Kentucky : died September 29, 1951 in San Francisco, California.

BUTLER (7) EMERSON SHAW, born September 6, 1871, in Louisville, Kentucky : died May 5, 1943 in Arcadia, California.

WILLIAM (7) FINGER SHAW, born July 22, 1873, in Louisville, Kentucky : died January 5, 1931 in Fallon, Nevada.

VIRGIL (7) FAIRFAX SHAW, born November 24, 1876, in San Rafael, California.

MARY (7) WALLACE SHAW, the oldest child of SUSAN (6) MILLER and her husband WILLIAM WALLACE SHAW, was a young lady of twenty-two when her mother died. Thereafter, she devoted most of her active life to making a home for her father and helping him bring up her younger brothers.

SUSAN (7) MILLER SHAW married GEORGE ARNOLD SWEENY (born November 30, 1863) in San Francisco, California, November 24, 1884.

KATHERINE (7) MOORE EWING SHAW, a lovely person, a devoted mother, and the beauty of her generation, on December 12, 1888, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in San Francisco, California, married JAMES ARTHUR CODE (born in San Francisco, December 24, 1865; died in Stockton, California, May 14, 1915), the son of Philip Duval Code (born April 8, 1842 in England; died June 31, 1905, in San Francisco, a businessman, devout churchman and Knight Templar). JAMES A. CODE was an outstanding athlete in college, especially in track events, where his records held for many years after his graduation. He was admitted to the bar in California but did not practice law; instead he engaged in his father's business, the Code Elfelt

Canning Company, and other enterprises, and made his home in San Francisco. The children of KATHERINE (7) SHAW and JAMES ARTHUR CODE were (Ref. No. 52—KSC, JAC, VFS):

VIVIENNE (8) CODE, born in San Francisco, October 2, 1889, died in San Francisco, November 17, 1890.
JAMES (8) ARTHUR CODE, JR., born in San Francisco, January 17, 1893.
AILEEN (8) OCTAVIA CODE, born July 27, 1895 in San Francisco.

In the old Army Chapel at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, JAMES (8) ARTHUR CODE, JR., on January 17, 1929, married ISABELLE ELIZABETH BLACK (born January 17, 1896, in Cleveland, Ohio) the daughter of Alexander Black (born in Lawrencekirk, Scotland, May 24, 1861; died in Cleveland, Ohio, July 23, 1939) and his wife Elizabeth Dunbar (born in Edinburgh, Scotland, April 24, 1865; died in Cleveland, Ohio, November 4, 1900). JAMES A. CODE, JR. early embraced the profession of arms and rose to major general, United States Army, and World War II Deputy Chief Signal Officer. He retired in 1945, after a noteworthy career of thirty-three years which brought him much honor and recognition including the Distinguished Service Medal of our own country and the Legion of Honor of France, as well as the degrees of M.S. and E.E. from Yale University. Retiring from the Army after World War II, General CODE became prominent nationally and internationally in commercial fields of production and operation of electrical communications, from which he retired as chairman or member of various Boards of Directors. In 1952 he established his home in Palo Alto, California, where he and his wife now (1955) reside. They have no children (Ref. No. 52—RHF and JAC).

On July 31, 1915 AILEEN (8) OCTAVIA CODE married JOHN CHARLES WILSON, JR., of San Francisco (born April 10, 1895) son of John Charles Wilson and his wife Josephine Jenette Haxe. They had two children (Ref. No. 52—KSC, OSF, JAC):

JACQUELINE (9) WILSON, born August 30, 1916.
VIRGINIA (9) WILSON, born June 26, 1917.

JACQUELINE (9) WILSON is unmarried and at this time (1955) is living with her parents at their home in San Francisco, where she is

prominent socially and doing charitable work, as well as carrying on a business career. Her sister, VIRGINIA (9) WILSON, on September 25, 1938, married LEO VASSEROT MERLE III (son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo V. Merle, Jr., of San Francisco), who served through World War II in the Signal Corps of the Army of the United States and at the war's end decided to remain in the regular army, in which he is now (1955) a lieutenant colonel, Signal Corps. They have three sons (Ref. No. 52—KSC and RHF):

LEO (10) VASSEROT MERLE IV, born in San Francisco, September 23, 1939.

JOHN (10) VASSEROT MERLE, born September 1, 1947, San Francisco, California.

JAMES (10) ARTHUR MERLE, born in Augusta, Georgia, November 14, 1949.

To go back to the fourth child of SUSAN (6) MILLER and WILLIAM WALLACE SHAW, BUTLER (7) EMERSON SHAW (born September 6, 1871 married Miss EDITH ADAMS of Stockton, California (died September 1940, in Arcadia, California). BUTLER (7) E. SHAW, the eldest of the three Shaw brothers, spent his life in following a business career in San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. He and his wife had no children. His brother WILLIAM (7) FINGER SHAW, also entered the business world of San Francisco and later made a name for himself in the business and social life of Fallon, Nevada. On April 24, 1903, in San Francisco, he married FLORA IDA YORDI (born in Cloverdale, California, December 18, 1881; died in San Francisco, October 14, 1953), daughter of Frederick Yordi and his wife Carolina Yutzler, who came from Berne, Switzerland. They had one child, ELIZABETH (8) SUE SHAW (born in San Francisco, June 18, 1908). On June 21, 1930, she married LINN OLAF B. LINDSTROM (born December 9, 1896), an electrical and mechanical engineer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Lindstrom of Marquette, Michigan. They make their home in San Francisco and have a fruit ranch and summer home at St. Helena, California. One child was born in this union (Ref. No. 52—OSF, ESL, RHF):

TALBOT (9) SHAW LINDSTROM, born in San Francisco, December 8, 1934, now (1955) attending college.

VIRGIL (7) FAIRFAX SHAW (born in San Rafael, California, November 24, 1876), the youngest child of SUSAN (6) MILLER and WILLIAM W. SHAW, spent most of his active life in business in San Francisco where he is now (1955) living in retirement. He is an ardent yachtsman and an amateur oil painter of note. On June 4, 1907 in San Rafael, California, he married MARY ISOBEL CHURCH (born July 27, 1876) in San Francisco), daughter of James Work Church (born in Peoria, Illinois, 1844) and his wife Mary Robertson MacDonnel Church (born Montreal, Canada, September 1, 1857). They had no children (Ref. No. 59) (Ref. No. 52—JAM, VFS, ESL).

This brings to date (January 1, 1956) the recording of the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of SUSAN (6) MILLER and her husband, WILLIAM WALLACE SHAW.

Turning now to the fourth child of MARY (5) CREWS and JAMES A. MILLER, JAMES (6) ALLAN MILLER, on June 25, 1879, in San Francisco, California, married HATTIE ELAM (died in San Francisco in 1892), daughter of Robert H. Elam originally of Richmond, Virginia, and his wife, Mary Ellen Babcock of Little Rock, Arkansas.[9] They had two sons (Ref. No. 52—JAM, OSF, RHF, CTM, MTM):

ELAM (7) MILLER, born in San Francisco, July 14, 1881 : died in Summit, New Jersey, September 1, 1936.

CLAYTON (7) TALBOT MILLER, born March 26, 1885 : died in El Verano, California, on January 28, 1948.

These brothers, after their mother's death which occurred during their childhood, were brought up by their mother's sister, Mrs. Lionel Thibault (Virginia Elam), widow of a French gentleman of Bordeaux. ELAM (7) MILLER became an electrical engineer, a profession which he followed within the American Telephone & Telegraph Company in which at the time of his death he was Staff Engineer in the New York Headquarters of that nation-wide organization. His first wife was THYRZA HALDEMAN KIMMEL, daughter of Commander Harry Kimmel, United States Navy, Retired (born in Pennsylvania; died in the District of Columbia, August 31, 1927), and his wife, Helen Nicholson Kimmel (died in Winchester, Virginia, March 25, 1945). (Ref. No. 52—JAM, OSF, CTM, MTM) (Ref. No. 59) They were

9. Some genealogical data concerning the Elam family may be found in Exhibit C.

married December 11, 1905 in Berkeley, California, and had one child, ELAM (8) MILLER, JR. (born in Berkeley, California, December 8, 1906). This marriage ended in divorce. On April 29, 1925, in New York City, ELAM (7) MILLER married MARGARET VIRGINIA TEACHNOR (born December 25, 1895, in Portsmouth, Ohio) the daughter of the eminent surgeon, Doctor Wells Teachnor, M.D. (died in 1936) and his wife, both of Columbus, Ohio. They had no children. (Ref. No. 52—CTM, MTM, OSF) (Ref. No. 59)

ELAM (8) MILLER, JR., in New York City on March 2, 1935, married LOUISE GWYNNE BURR, the daughter of Mr. Karl Edward Burr, attorney-at-law, and his wife Louise Gwynne, both of Columbus, Ohio. They have two daughters:

LOUISE (9) GWYNNE MILLER, born October 11, 1936.
MELINDA (9) TALBOT MILLER, born June 4, 1938.

Their father, ELAM (8) MILLER, JR., is (1955) Manager of the Main Office, Sales Department, of Smith Barney and Company of New York City. He maintains a residence in Short Hills, New Jersey, and a summer home, "The Quarry" near Dorset, Vermont. (Ref. No. 52—LBM and MTM)

Next of the children of MARY (5) CREWS BROWN and her husband, JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER, we come to MARY (6) EMILY MILLER (born December 7, 1848; died in Louisville, Kentucky, September 24, 1937) who, at her father's home, "Dilcoosha," Peewee Valley, Kentucky, married JAMES STEPHENS LYMAN, the son of Dr. David Russell Lyman, M.D. (born New York City 1808) and his wife, Elizabeth Roberts of Philadelphia. MARY (6) MILLER and her husband had three children (Ref. No. 52—JAM, OSF, ILA, DRL):

JAMES (7) ALEXANDER LYMAN, born December 5, 1870, in Peewee Valley, Kentucky : died December 16, 1875.
MARY (7) MILLER LYMAN, born July 7, 1876 : died unmarried, November 25, 1910.
DAVID (7) RUSSELL LYMAN, born September 28, 1883.

The latter on October 8, 1910, married ANNA CHALMERS WOOD (born July 12, 1885), daughter of Isabelle Haworth and her husband Henry Morgan Wood. DAVID (7) RUSSELL LYMAN, who became

a civil engineer, was for many years City Engineer of Louisville and later General Manager of the Contractors Association of Kentucky. Two children were born to him and his wife, ANNA CHALMERS WOOD. They were (Ref. No. 52—DRL, ILA):

ISABELLE (8) MILLER LYMAN, born December 24, 1911, in Louisville.
DAVID (8) RUSSELL LYMAN, JR., born March 11, 1916.

The latter has not married as of this writing (1955). His sister, ISABELLE (8) LYMAN was married June 29, 1946, at Ardmore, Pennsylvania to SVEND EISENHARDT ANDERSEN (born in Copenhagen, Denmark, December 8, 1895), son of F. Henry Martin Severin Andersen and his wife, Cecelia Katherine Laura Caroline Eisenhardt. SVEND ANDERSEN as quite a young man, came to the United States where he has since practiced his profession of chemical engineer. (Ref. No. 52—OSF, MEL, DRL, ILA) He and his wife have no children.

NOBLE (6) BUTLER MILLER, the fourth child of MARY (5) and her husband JAMES A. MILLER to reach maturity, died a bachelor at twenty-six. Too young to have established himself in life, he left behind only a poignant memory of much promise unfulfilled. His sister, OCTAVIA (6) SHREVE MILLER, in San Francisco, California, on August 1, 1878, married Lieutenant ROBERT HOWE FLETCHER (born July 21, 1850, in Cincinnati, Ohio; died in Washington, D. C., October 28, 1936) son of Doctor Robert Fletcher, M.D., M.R.C.S. (born in Bristol, England, March 6, 1823; died in Washington, D. C., November 8, 1912) and his wife Hannah Howe, also of Bristol, England (died Washington, D. C. in 1889). He was an officer of the United States Army who rose to the rank of captain but was retired from active duty early in his military career because of disabilities incurred in campaigns against the Nez Perce Indians. Subsequently, Captain Fletcher achieved distinction in both the world of letters and of art. He and his wife OCTAVIA (6) SHREVE MILLER, had two children (Ref. No. 52—OSF and RHF):

VIOLETTE (7) OCTAVIA FLETCHER, born June 7, 1879: died in San Diego, California September 1, 1883.
ROBERT (7) HOWE FLETCHER, JR. (born San Diego, California, August 17, 1884).

The latter spent the better part of his active life as a career officer of the United States Army with which he served in the Philippine

Islands and Mexico; throughout World Wars I and II; and as Military Attaché with the United States Embassy to the Court of H. M. Alfonso XIII of Spain, and to the Legation of the United States, Lisbon, Portugal, 1929-1933. He rose to the rank of colonel before his retirement from the army because of physical disability and now (1955) lives at his home "Belgrove" in Loudoun County, Virginia, where he is active in civic affairs. At Charles Town, West Virginia, September 17, 1919, ROBERT (7) HOWE FLETCHER, JR. married LORRAINE ANNETTE MURPHY, daughter of Simon Jones Murphy, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, and his wife, Helena Bogardus Platt of Boston, Massachusetts. Their children are (Ref. No. 52—RHF):

DOUGLAS (8) MORSE FLETCHER, born October 20, 1925, in New York City, New York.

HELENA (8) SHREVE FLETCHER, born October 20, 1925, in New York City, New York.

DOUGLAS (8) MORSE FLETCHER served in the United States Navy, Reserve, during World War II, largely in the Pacific Theater. He entered business when, after the end of hostilities, he had completed his college education. At the time of writing (1955) he is unmarried. HELENA (8) SHREVE FLETCHER on June 19, 1948, at "Belgrove," Loudoun County, Virginia, married WILLIAM ASHBROOK PATCH, then lieutenant and now (1955) captain, United States Army, son of Major General Joseph D. Patch, United States Army, Retired (born at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, December 8, 1885), and of his wife Minerva King, of La Puerta, Texas. Captain PATCH is the holder of the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, all won in the war in Korea. HELENA (8) SHREVE FLETCHER and her husband have two children (Ref. No. 52—OSF and RHF):

WILLIAM (9) ASHBROOK PATCH, JR., born January 14, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

ALEXANDER (9) McCARREL PATCH, born October 18, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

We now take up JOSEPH (6) CLAYTON TALBOT MILLER, tenth child of MARY (5) CREWS BROWN and JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, April 8,

1856. On April 16, 1888, he married ADELINE NUSKY (died January 15, 1898). They had:

JAMES (7) ALLEN MILLER, born September 24, 1889.
MARJORIE (7) ADELINE MILLER, born August 14, 1892.

The latter, after her mother's death, was brought up by her aunt, MARY (6) EMILY MILLER LYMAN at the latter's home in Louisville, Kentucky. There, on July 6, 1912, she married EDWARD BARTON COFFEY, son of Edward Henry Coffey and his wife Josephine Anaya. (Edward Henry Coffey was born an English subject but became a naturalized citizen of the United States.) EDWARD BARTON COFFEY at the time of his marriage, was in business in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where he took his bride who remained there after his death and still (1955) lives there. MARJORIE (7) ADELINE COFFEY, and her husband had three children (Ref. No. 52—OSF, MMC, ILA):

EDWARD (8) BARTON COFFEY, JR., born in Louisville, Kentucky, April 5, 1913.
MARY (8) MARJORIE COFFEY, born in Guatemala City, Gautemala, November 30, 1914.
CLAYTON (8) TALBOT COFFEY, born in Louisville, Kentucky, October 5, 1918.

EDWARD (8) BARTON COFFEY, JR., in Guatemala City, married on November 3, 1940, ANNA MARIA TEJADA (born January 20, 1921), daughter of Manuel Saenz de Tajada, a coffee-plantation and cattle-ranch owner of Guatemala, and his wife, Eliza Wyle de Tejada. EDWARD (8) BARTON COFFEY, JR., after his father's death, continued on in the family's business—Coffey and Company, importers of coffee-plantation machinery, saw mills, equipment for cattle and other farms, etc.—which he had directed for some years. (Ref. No. 52—MMC, OSF, ILA)

MARY (8) MARJORIE COFFEY, his sister, was married in Guatemala City, September 26, 1938, to CLIVE NEWEY CHOVIL (born at Mosley near Birmingham, England, September 29, 1906), a banker and son of Alfred Samuel Chovil, a native of London, England, and his wife, Harriet Newey who was born in Harbonne near Birmingham, England. They have two children (Ref. No. 52—MMC):

MARJORIE (9) ELIZABETH MARY CHOVIL, born in Guatemala City, December 17, 1941.

EDWARD (9) ROGER CLIVE CHOVIL, born Guatemala City, September, 29, 1945.

In Guatemala City, CLAYTON (8) TALBOT COFFEY, the younger son, on July 20, 1946 married GRACIELLA APARICIO (born May 20, 1921), daughter of Jose Vicente Aparicio, owner of a coffee plantation and cattle ranch, and his wife, Lucila Barrios. They have two children (Ref. No. 52—MMC):

EDWARD (9) BARTON COFFEY III, born in Boston, Massachusetts, March 22, 1952.

CLAYTON (9) TALBOT COFFEY, JR., born in Boston, Massachusetts, April 23, 1954.

CLAYTON (8) TALBOT COFFEY at the present time (1955), is in business with his brother and, in addition, is interested in the sale and maintenance of airplanes.

We now come to the youngest child of MARY (5) CREWS BROWN and her husband JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER, who with his children and grandchildren bring us to the end of this account of the descendants in our branch of MATHEW (1) TALBOT whom it is our purpose to include in this selective genealogical list of the family. He was, it will be recalled, WILLIAM (6) WALLACE MILLER who was born in Louisville but went west as a child when his parents moved to California. He spent practically all his life in San Francisco, California, and its environs, receiving his education and engaging in business there. On June 15, 1901, he married HENRIETTA JULIA RUSSELL (died November 6, 1947 in San Francisco). They had two children (Ref. No. 52—JAM, OSF, RWM):

RUSSELLA (7) OCTAVIA MILLER, born October 16, 1910 : died July 19, 1913.

ROBERT (7) WALLACE MILLER, born June 6, 1914, in San Francisco, California.

The latter served in the Army of the United States in World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater where he rose to the rank of captain and was decorated by both the United States and Chinese governments

for meritorious achievement. On the termination of hostilities, he returned to San Francisco where he continued in his field of financial accounting in an executive capacity with the Oronite Chemical Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of California. On March 26, 1950, ROBERT (7) WALLACE MILLER married MARION HELEN GRAY, the daughter of Thomas John Gray and his wife, Katherine Matilda Kane. They have had one child (Ref. No. 52—JAM, OSF, KSC, RWM, RHF):

ROBERT (8) GRAY MILLER, born January 19, 1952, in San Rafael, California.

*The End*

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DRL: David Russell Lyman
ESL: Elizabeth Shaw Lindstrom
ILA: Isabelle Lyman Anderson
JAC: James Arthur Code, Jr.
JAM: James Alexander Miller
KSC: Katherine Shaw Code
LBM: Louise Burr Miller
MEL: Mary Emily Lyman
MMC: Marjorie Miller Coffey
MTM: Margaret Teachnor Miller
OSF: Octavia Shreve Fletcher

RHF: Robert Howe Fletcher, Jr.
RWM: Robert Wallace Miller
SCMcP: Sophia Coleman McPherson
VFS: Virgil Fairfax Shaw

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# EXHIBIT "A"

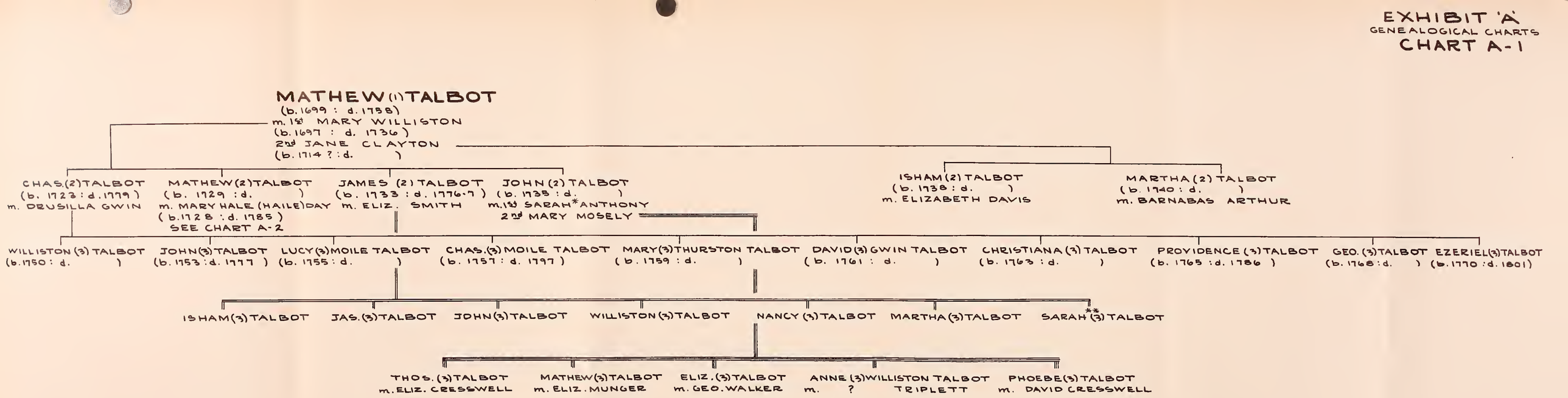
*Chart A-1 to Chart A-4, Inclusive,*

*Showing Genealogy, 1699-1955, of Selected Descendants*

*of*

*Mathew Talbot, Gent.*

EXHIBIT 'A'
GENEALOGICAL CHARTS
CHART A-1

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* ALSO GIVEN AS PHOEBE ANTHONY

** IN ADDITION, REF.#47 GIVES A MARY, PHOEBE, THOMAS AND MATHEW.

EXHIBIT 'A'
CHART A-2

# MATHEW (2) TALBOT
(b. 1729 : d. )
m. MARY HALE (HAILE?) DAY
(b. 1728 : d. 1785)

HAILE (3) TALBOT
MATHEW (3) TALBOT
THOMAS (3) TALBOT
WILLIAM (3) TALBOT
EDMUND (3) TALBOT
(b. 1767 : d. 1858)
m 1st MARY HARVEY
(b. : d. 1809?)
m. 2nd ? CANTHORN (CAUTHORN?) McCULLOCH
CLAYTON (3) TALBOT
(b. 1765 : d. 1855)
MARY (3) TALBOT

WM. (4) TALBOT
SALLY (4) TALBOT
m. ? DAVIS
JOHN (4) TALBOT
MARTHA (4) TALBOT
m. ? ASHBURN
MATHEW (4) TALBOT
POLLY (4) TALBOT
m. ? BULLARD
ELIZ. (4) TALBOT
m. ? WALKER
ELIZA (4) TALBOT
m. ? CASON
AMELIA (4) TALBOT
m. ? PORTER
AMANDA (4) TALBOT
m. A. I. ROBINSON

m. MARY CREWS
(b. : d. 1830?)

MELINDA (4) TALBOT
(b. 1793 : d. 1877)
m. JOHN POPE OLDHAM
(b. 1785 : d. 1857)

SUSAN (4) TALBOT
(b. 1794 : d. 1870)
m. GIDEON BROWN M.D.
(b. : d. 1824)

SOPHIA (4) WESTERN TALBOT
(b. 1797 : d. 1892)
m. DAVID GWYNNE

SOPHIA (5) OLDHAM
m. ? BULLOCK
SUSAN (5) TALBOT OLDHAM
(b. 1817 : d. 1870)
m. HORACE BUCKNER HILL
(b. 1800 : d. 1874)
(SEE CHART A-3)
WM. (5) OLDHAM
TALBOT (5) OLDHAM

JOHN (6) OLDHAM BULLOCK
m. LORRAINE TANNER

JOHN (5) BROWN
CLAYTON (5) BROWN
RICHARD (5) BROWN
THOS. (5) BROWN
MARY (5) CREWS TALBOT BROWN
(b. 1822 : d. 1876)
m. JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER
(b. 1815 : d. 1900)
(SEE CHART A-4)

HORACE (7) HILL BULLOCK
EDWARD (7) BULLOCK
(b. 1850 : d. 1891)
TALBOT (7) BULLOCK
JOHN (7) OLDHAM BULLOCK
m. ?
LOUISE (8) BULLOCK

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# SUSAN (5) TALBOT OLDHAM
(b. 1817 : d. 1870)
m. HORACE BUCKNER HILL
(b. 1800 : d. 1874)

- SOPHIA (6) HILL (b. 1837 : d. 1842)
- ELIZ (6) HILL (b. 1838 : d. 1842)
- HORACE (6) BUCKNER HILL JR. (b. 1840 : d. 1868)
- JOHN (6) OLDHAM HILL (b. 1842 : d. 1875) m. MARY BANONE ?
- MELINDA (6) OLDHAM HILL (b. 1843 : 1919) m. BARRY COLEMAN (b. 1840 : d. 1907)
- FANNY (6) SMITH HILL (b. 1845 : d. 1929) m. CLARENCE H. BARNES
- SUSAN (6) GWYNNE HILL (b. 1847 : d. ) m. GARNET MARSHALL
- WM. (6) PRATHER HILL (b. 1852 : d. 1871)
- LUCY (6) HILL (b. 1852 : d. 1928)
- ALEXANDER (6) CHURCHILL HILL (b. 1853 : d. 1861)
- ELIZA (6) MACALESTER HILL (b. 1856 : d. 1886) m. WM. PACA LEE (b. 1846 : d. 1910)
- LEONARD (6) HILL

## THOS. (7) MORGAN COLEMAN
(b. 1865 : d. 1934)
m. LOUISE JOHN AYCOCK

- LINDA (8) HILL COLEMAN
  m. R. KEITH SIMPSON M.D.
  - THOS. (9) COLEMAN SIMPSON (b. 1924 : ) m LOVETTA DESCHENGER
    - GEO. (10) KEITH SIMPSON (b. 1947 : )
    - RICHARD (10) VAUGHN SIMPSON (b. 1950 : )
- CATHERINE (8) ELIZ. COLEMAN M.D.

## LINDA (7) COLEMAN
(d. in infancy)

## HORACE (7) HILL COLEMAN
(b. 1868 : d. 1936)
m. MAY RICHARD (b. ? d. 1936)

- RAYMOND (9) VERMILLION JR. (b. 1918 : ) m. MILDRED HALL
  - RAYMOND (10) ROSS VERMILLION (b. 1942 : )
  - WALTER (10) IDE VERMILLION (b. 1949 : )
  - ROSEMARY (10) VERMILLION (b. 1950 : )
- JACOB (9) F. VERMILLION (b. 1927 : )

## DORA (7) COLEMAN
(d. in infancy)

## SUE (7) COLEMAN
(d. in infancy)

## SOPHIA (7) GWYNNE COLEMAN
(b 1870 : )
m. WM. Mc PHERSON (b. 1865 : d. 1934)

- LUCY (8) HILL BONNER (b 1893 : ) m RAYMOND VERMILLION (b. 1895 : )
- GEORGIANA (8) COLEMAN BONNER (b 1896 : ) m. RALPH LANG (b. 1896 : d. 1940)
  - WILLIS (9) ROY LANG (b 1917 : )
  - ETHEL (9) BONNER LANG (b. 1919 : ) m. HAYDEN BROWN (b. 1917 : )
    - PATRICIA (10) ETHEL BROWN (b. 1945 : )
    - ROBERT (10) HAYDEN BROWN (b. 1951 : )
- LINDA (8) OLDHAM BONNER (b. 1906 : ) m. RICHARD CRAIG RAMSEY (b. 1897 : )
  - RICHARD (9) BONNER RAMSEY (b. 1938 : )

## BARRY (7) COLEMAN JR.
(b. 1871 : d. 1892)

## ETHEL (7) CHURCHILL COLEMAN
(b. 1873 : d. 1931)
m. WALTER STEVENS BONNER (b. 1872 : d. 1950)

## DUPONT (7) COLEMAN
(b. 1887 : d. 1931)
m. ADA ARNOLD

- PATRICIA (8) DUPONT COLEMAN (b. 1913 : )
  - LINDA (9) MONROE VINCENT (b. 1910 : ) m 1st KENDALL M BARNES m 2nd AUGUSTUS CASSELMAN ROHRIG (b. 1915 : )
    - WM. (9) VINCENT ROHRIG (b. 1951 : )
  - CLOTILDE (8) GERMAIN VINCENT (b. 1914 : ) m 1st THOS. BENJ. CURRAN JR. (b. 1912 : d. 1952) m. 2nd HENRY REY SANDER JR. (b. 1911 : )
    - THOS (9) BENJ. CURRAN III (b. 1946 : )
    - SUSAN (9) GERMAIN CURRAN (b. 1947 : )
    - ELIZ. (9) COLEMAN CURRAN (b. 1951 )

## LUCY (7) GWIN COLEMAN
(b 1886 : )
m. WM. GERMAIN VINCENT (b 1882 : d. 1946)

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# MARY (5) CREWS TALBOT BROWN

(b. 1822 : d. 1876)

m. JAMES ALEXANDER MILLER

(b. 1815 : d. 1900)

SOPHIA (6) MILLER (b. 1841 : d. 1843)

SUSAN (6) MILLER (b. 1843 : d. 1844)

SUSAN (6) MILLER (b. 1844 : d. 1886)
m. WM. WALLACE SHAW (b. 1838 : d. 1918)

JAS. (6) ALLAN MILLER (b. 1846 : d. 1918)
m. HATTIE ELAM (b. ? : d. 1892)

MARY (6) EMILY MILLER (b. 1848 : d. 1937)
m. JAS. STEPHENS LYMAN

NOBLE (6) BUTLER MILLER (b. 1850 : d. 1876)

OCTAVIA (6) SHREVE MILLER (b. 1853 : d. 1932)
m. ROBT. HOWE FLETCHER (b. 1850 : d. 1936)

MADELINE (6) R. MILLER (b. 1854 : d. 1855)

ROBT. (6) MILLER (b. 1856 : d. 1857)

JOS. (6) CLAYTON TALBOT MILLER (b. 1856 : d. )
m. ADELINE NUSKY (b. ? : d. 1898)

WM. (6) WALLACE MILLER (b. 1864 : d. 1940)
m HENRIETTA JULIA RUSSELL (b. : d. 1947)

MARY (7) WALLACE SHAW (b. 1864 : d 1948)
m. GEO. ARNOLD SWEENY (b. 1863 : d. ? )

SUSAN (7) M. SHAW (b. 1867 : d. 1950)
m. JAS. ARTHUR CODE (b. 1865 : d. 1915)

KATHERINE (7) MOORE (b. 1869 : d. 1951)

EWING SHAW

VIVIENNE (8) CODE (b. 1889 : d. 1890)

JAS (8) ARTHUR CODE JR. (b. 1893 : )
m. ISABELLE ELIZ. BLACK (b. 1896 : )

AILEEN (8) OCTAVIA CODE (b. 1895 : )
m. JOHN CHAS. WILSON (b. 1895 : )

JACQUELINE (9) WILSON (b. 1916 : )

VIRGINIA (9) WILSON (b. 1919 : )
m. LEO VASSEROL MERLE III (b. 1911 : )

LEO (10) VASSEROL MERLE IV (b. 1939 : )

JOHN (10) VASSEROL MERLE (b. 1947 : )

JAS. (10) ARTHUR MERLE (b. 1949 : )

ELAM (7) MILLER (b. 1881 : d. 1936)
m. 1st THYRZA HALDEMAN KIMMEL (b. 1895 : d. )
m. 2nd MARGARET VIRGINIA TEACHNOR

ELAM (8) MILLER JR. (b. 1906 : )
m. LOUISE GWYNNE BURR (b : )

LOUISE (9) GWYNNE MILLER (b. 1936 : )

MELINDA (9) TALBOT MILLER (b. 1938 : )

CLAYTON (7) TALBOT MILLER (b. 1885 : d. 1948)

BUTLER (7) EMERSON SHAW (b. 1871 : d 1943)
m. EDITH ADAMS (b. : d. 1940)

WM. (7) FINGER SHAW (b. 1873 : d. 1931)
m. FLORA IDA YORDI (b. 1881 : d. 1953)

ELIZ. (8) SUE SHAW (b. 1908 : )
m. LINN OLAF B. LINDSTROM (b. 1896 : )

TALBOT (9) SHAW LINDSTROM (b. 1934 : )

VIRGIL FAIRFAX SHAW (b. 1876 : )
m. MARY ISOBEL CHURCH (b. 1876 : )

VIOLETTE (7) OCTAVIA FLETCHER (b. 1879 : d. 1883)

ROBT (7) HOWE FLETCHER JR. (b. 1884 : )
m. LORRAINE ANNETTE MURPHY (b. 1898 )

DOUGLAS (8) MORSE FLETCHER (b. 1925 : )

HELENA (8) SHREVE FLETCHER (b. 1925 : )
m. WM. ASHBROOK PATCH (b. 1926 : )

WM (9) ASHBROOK PATCH JR. (b. 1951 : )

ALEX. (9) McCARREL PATCH (b. 1952 : )

JAS. (7) ALEX. LYMAN (b. 1870 : d. 1875)

MARY (7) MILLER LYMAN (b. 1876 : d. 1910)

DAVID (7) RUSSELL LYMAN (b. 1883 : )
m. ANNA CHALMERS WOOD (b. 1885 : )

ISABELLE (8) MILLER LYMAN (b. 1911 : )
m. SVEND EISENHARDT ANDERSEN (b. 1895 : )

DAVID (8) RUSSELL LYMAN (b. 1916 : )

JAS. (7) ALLEN MILLER (b. 1889 : )

MARJORIE (7) ADELINE MILLER (b. 1892 : )
m. EDWARD BARTON COFFEY (b. : d. )

EDWARD (8) BARTON COFFEY JR. (b. 1913 : )
m. ANNA MARIA TEJADA (b. 1921 : )

MARJORIE (9) ELIZ. MARY CHOVIL (b. 1941 : )

MARY (8) MARJORIE COFFEY (b. 1914 : )
m. CLIVE NEWEY CHOVIL (b. 1906 : )

EDWARD (9) ROGER CLIVE CHOVIL (b. 1945 : )

CLAYTON (8) TALBOT COFFEY (b. 1918 : )
m. GRACIELLA APARICIO (b. 1921 : )

EDWARD (9) BARTON COFFEY III (b. 1952 : )

CLAYTON (9) TALBOT COFFEY JR. (b. 1954 : )

RUSSELLA (7) OCTAVIA MILLER (b. 1910 : d. 1913)

ROBT. (7) WALLACE MILLER (b. 1914 : )
m. MARION HELEN GRAY

ROBT. (8) GRAY MILLER (b. 1952 : )

# EXHIBIT "B"

## *Outline Genealogy of the Miller-Carland Families*

N.B. *This is an exact copy of an original longhand entry made by my grandfather, James Alexander Miller, in a leather-bound notebook of his which was left to me by my mother, and which now constitutes a part of Reference No. 52. It sets forth all that I know of the genealogy of these two families*—RHF.

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### THE ORIGIN OF OUR BRANCH OF THE MILLER FAMILY

I am indebted to my grandfather's Richard Miller's, account of the origin—as far back as is known—of the head of our branch of the family.

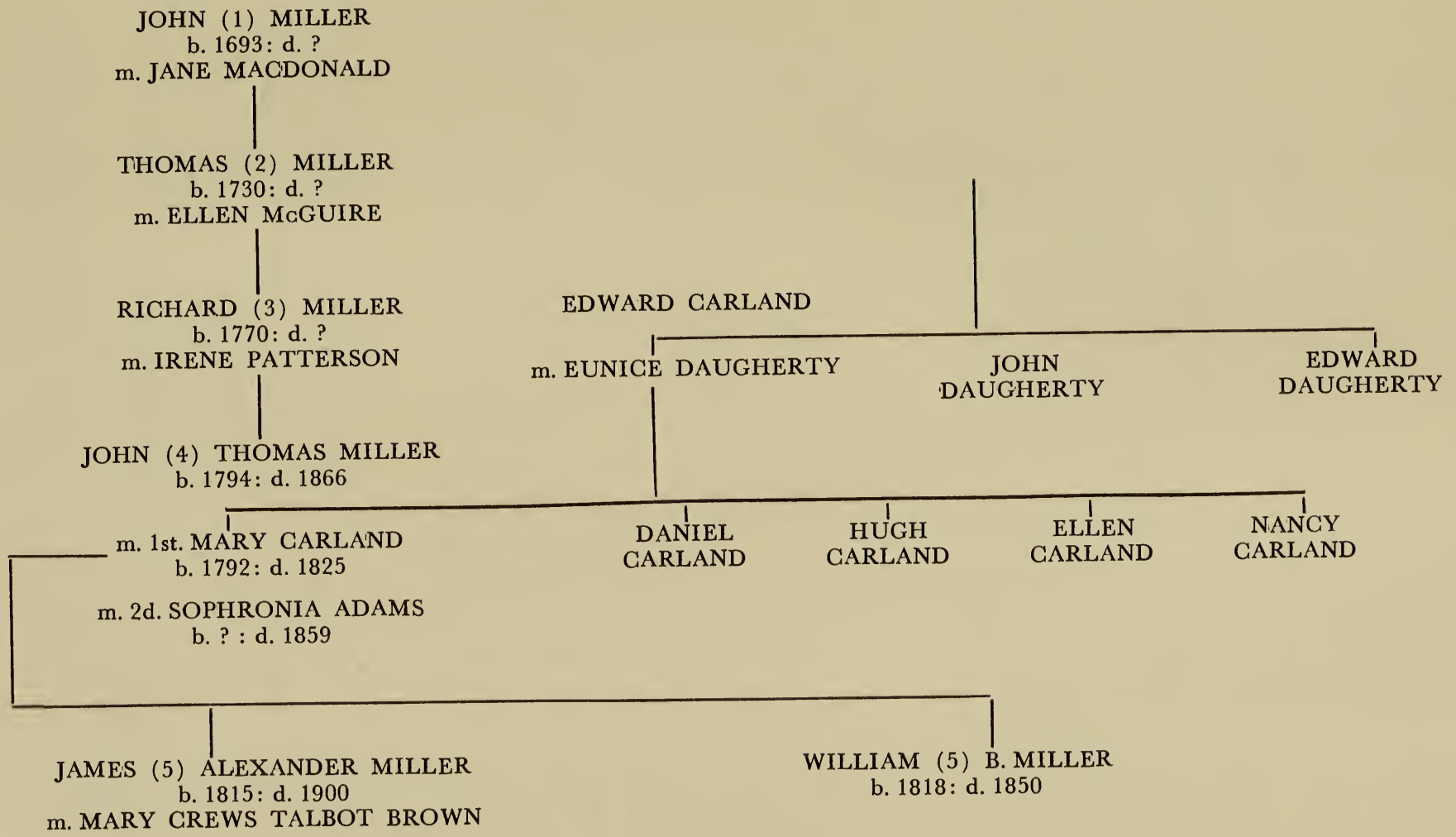
The original head of our immediate family, said my grandfather, was John Miller born in Dresden in 1693, and, when quite a young man settled in London, England, but subsequently went to Glasgow, Scotland, where he married Jane Macdonald, a young Scotch lady, in 1727. Their eldest son Thomas Miller (the immediate head of our American family) was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 3rd 1730. He graduated at Cambridge, England, in 1756 and later became an alchemist and physician of note and was an occasional contributor to the *Edinburgh Review* on scientific and medical subjects. He married an Irish lady from Dublin in 1764, named Ellen McGuire, and in 1767, they left Glasgow, and came over to this country and settled in Dover, Del. where my grandfather was born Dec. 3, 1770. He married Miss Irene Patterson of N.J. Nov. 21st 1792 who was a near relative to the noted family of Pattersons of that State. Soon after their marriage they moved to Annapolis, Md., where my father, John Thomas Miller, was born Oct. 5, 1794. My grandfather left Maryland with his family in 1801 and removed to Maysontown, Fayette Co., Pa. and again in 1816 moved to Beaver County, Pa. where they finally settled. My father was married to Miss Mary Carland in Geneva, Fayette Co., Pa. on Nov. 8th 1814 and two years after settled in Sharon, Beaver Co., Pa. Two children were born to them, James A. in Geneva, Pa. Oct. 23, 1815, and Wm. B. in Sharon, Pa. May 29th 1818 and died in Rochester, Pa. Oct. 19th 1850. My mother died in Sharon Feb'y 1, 1825 and is buried in the old cemetery at Beaver, Pa. together with my grandfather and grandmother Miller, my brother, William B. Miller, and some other members of my father's family by his second marriage. My father married a second time to Miss Sophronia Adams of Beaver Falls, Pa. on May 8th 1825. In 1857, my father left Beaver County and removed to Independence, Richland County, Ohio,

to join his brother William where his second wife died Oct. 26, 1859, and was buried there. My father also died at Independence in July, 1866, and was buried by the side of his second wife where their remains now repose.

## ON MY MOTHER'S SIDE "THE CARLANDS"

My grandfather, Edward Carland, and my grandmother (whose maiden name was Eunice Daugherty) were both born in Ireland, and subsequently married there on May 15th, 1787. Soon after their marriage, they, together with my grandmother's two brothers John and Edward Daugherty, came over to this country and landed in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1789. My grandfather and grandmother soon after settled in or near Geneva, Fayette Co., Pa., where my mother Mary Carland was born June 5th 1792, also her brothers Daniel, Hugh, and sisters Ellen and Nancy. On the death of my grandfather Carland, my grandmother with her five children moved to Beaver County, Pa., in order to be near her two brothers, John and Edward Daugherty, who had previously settled there and had improved five farms which their descendants now occupy. The Daughertys and Carlands were classed in Ireland among the better educated and well-to-do "gentry" and those of them who came over to this country were well provided with the necessary means required to purchase farms and commence at once the independent life and pursuit of an occupation for which they had been well prepared in the old country.

*Chart Based Upon the Foregoing Data Written by James Alexander Miller*




*(See Exhibit "A": Chart A-2)*

## EXHIBIT "C"

### *Genealogical Notes Concerning Some of the Elam Family*

Practically all civic records of the City and County of San Francisco, California, were burned in the great fire of 1906 in the course of which the City Hall itself was destroyed. It is not surprising therefore that nothing was found in the local records of today which pertained to Robert H. Elam and his wife. However, the earliest City Directory (1863) available at the time of search (1953), shows that they were living in San Francisco in 1863; and that Mr. Elam was a member of the firm of Elam and Howes, manufacturers of wooden furniture and willow ware. This is coroborated in a letter written by Mr. Elam's grandson, the late CLAYTON (7) TALBOT MILLER, who also stated that his grandfather came from Richmond, Virginia, having arrived on the west coast in the early 1850's when he "opened a wood and willow ware factory." In addition, Mr. Elam was interested in a clipper line from New York City to San Francisco, owned by his partner Edward K. Howes and the latter's two brothers, one of the ships being the famous *Three Brothers,* a model of which is in the Golden Gate Park Museum in San Francisco. Mr. Elam also owned the Pioche Water Company of Nevada and the Little El Dorado Mine, Kingman, Arizona. (Ref. No. 52—CTM) He probably died in 1888 for the San Francisco City Directory for 1887-8 carries him and his wife whereas the volume for 1888-9 shows Mrs. R. H. Elam as a widow at the same address.

Mr. Elam and his wife, born Mary Ellen Babcock, had three daughters, HATTIE whose husband was JAMES (6) ALLEN MILLER, a sister who married Alexander C. Stuart of St. Johns, Newfoundland, and Virginia who became the wife of Lionel Thibault of Bordeaux, France. The Stuarts had one child, Cameron Casteret Stuart now deceased. One son, Robert, who died in his young manhood, was born to Virginia and Lionel Thibault. (Ref. No. 52—CTM)

The Elam Family in America, apparently stems from Robert Elam, a member of the English gentry of Canterbury in New Kent County,

England, where the family had its seat. Robert Elam's name appears first in a land patent (granted one Christopher Branch) in 1633, which shows him, Elam, as entitled to 50 acres for each of a group of colonists whose importation he apparently had financed and supervised. Again (on page 114 of Virginia Land Office Book No. 3) Robert Elam received 503 acres in Henrico County on October 20, 1652. Over a century later, dated January 7, 1753, the last will and testament of a Robert Elam of another generation appears in full on pages 140-142 of the book *The Elam Family* by Harvey W. Elam, which is the source on which this paragraph relies for its statements. In colonial days the Elam family among whose members the name Robert often is found, spread through into Kentucky. The connection of Robert H. Elam, the father of HATTIE, with the Elam family of Virginia, rests on the written statement of his grandson that he came to the West from Richmond, Virginia.—RHF.

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